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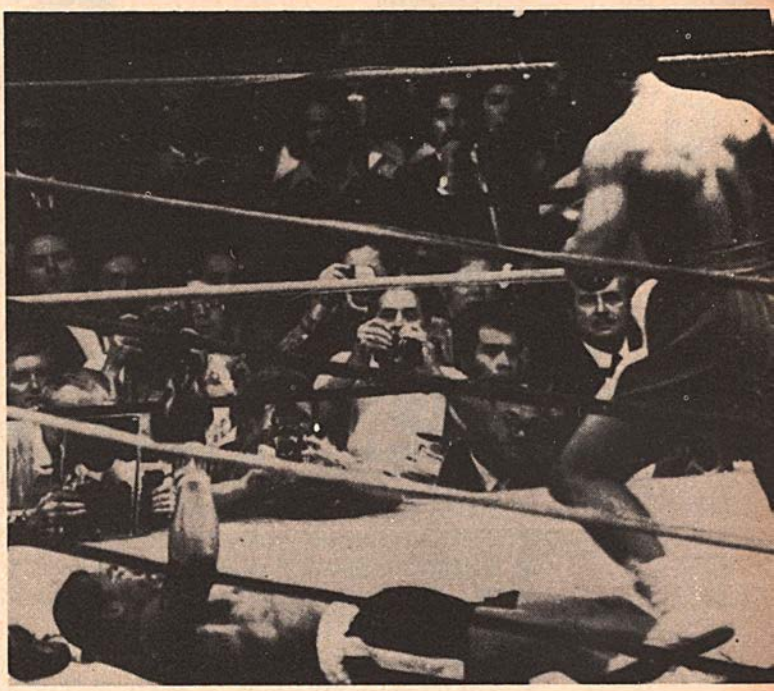

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AS NAT LOUBET SEES IT

AS indicated by a steady rise in Ring circulation and subscriptions, and the increase in major matches, the fight game is flourishing amazingly all over the world. Make exceptions of Russia and China, which are too busy with international power and politics to devote any time to boxing.

New York, which has not been going at its former speed in boxing, now is showing signs of recovering its former pace in boxing. At a luncheon celebrating the signing of Jerry Quarry and Joe Frazier for Madison Square Garden, Irving Mitch .ll Felt, chief of that enterprise, announced that the arena was back in the fistic business.

Felt's talk was of great importance to the big league fight game because it once more was open to consider major matches and propositions which had promise of high potential, financially and fistically.

Not so long ago, when the Foreman-Ali match was proposed to Mike Burke, operational head of the Garden, he said something which no chief of that arena ever before had placed on record. He said, "It is too big an operation for us."

This statement placed the Garden rather deeply in the category of minor clubs. It landed the Garden within the confines of its Forum, with its 4500 seats and matches commensurate with the returns which could be offered to fighters.

There was the possibility that ever so seldom a match worthy of the big arena might be offered. But big operations were barred by finances.

Felt's speech included the announcement of a definite settlement, with New York State tax officials regarding the imposts to be placed on the earnings of out of state fighters in the Garden.

When Frazier and Ali met for the first time in the Garden, each man was forced to give up $385,000 to the state of New York, with Federal taxes yet to come. This pernicious rate of seizure immediately took the Garden out of the big operations field.

Efforts to give the Garden early call on the services of a new heavyweight champion were cancelled out by the tax situation, and further by Foreman's running afoul of court orders issued to claimants on his earnings.

It is reported that these orders have been eliminated, leaving Foreman open to Garden and other American orders.

What with Foreman's disengagement from the courts and New York's new deal on boxer taxes, it would appear that, once past his fight with Ali in the Congo, George will be able to pay a visit to Burke, Felt and Teddy Brenner looking toward his return to the Garden.

That is, if Foreman catches Muhammad while Ali is in full flight in the arena at Kinshasa, Zaire.

Mention of the fight set for September 25 in Africa brings up the interesting subject of big fight promotion and its deviation from the leading promoters.

Once upon a time Tex Rickard, operating out of the Garden, was the world's No. 1 fight promoter. Later on, George Parnassus, Herman Taylor and the Eatons began to invade the industry.

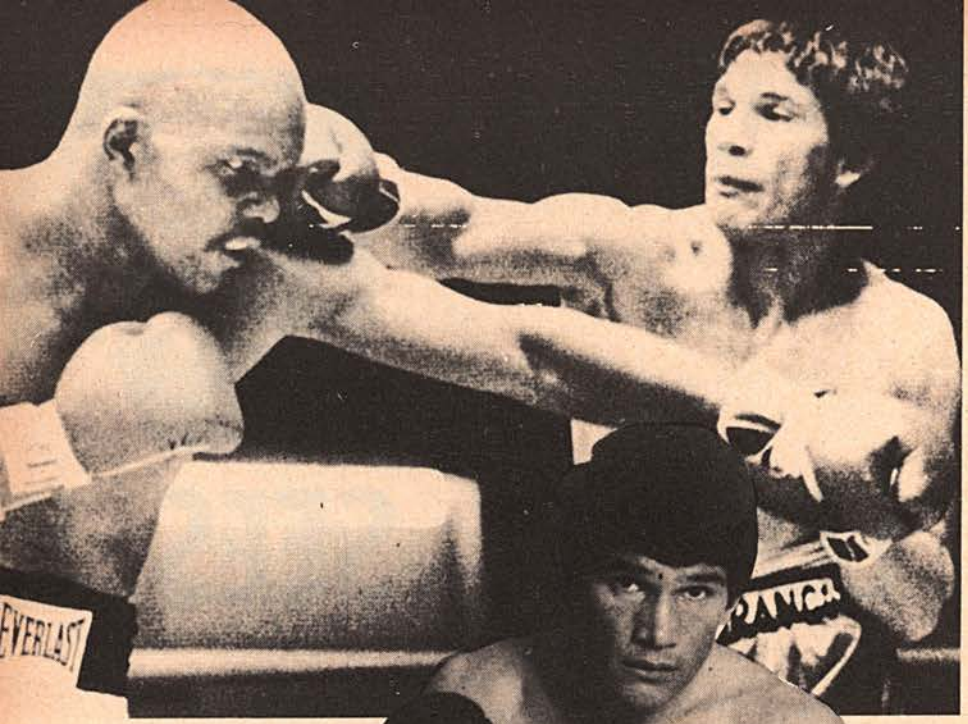
Now we find fight promotions originating in strange places.

The Foreman-Ali affair is being pushed by Video Techniques, which came into the picture not through interest in fights as fights for themselves but as fights with important connotations as sources of closed circuit television spurred by the vast possibilities of satellite assistance.

When Frazier won his first fight with Ali in the Garden, a total take of some 18 million dollars was reported. The big guarantees to the fighters were made possible not by the impressive credit of the Garden but by the financial help of Jack Kent Cooke, the California promoter behind Parnassus and the Inglewood Forum.

There is no Rickard in the current picture. Tex was the only one of his kind, in his time. Could he have operated today, with 10 million dollars to be split by Foreman and Ali in the heart of the old Congo?

THE RING SUPPORTS MONZON IN FIGHT WITH WBC



(Above) Carlos Monzon connects with a long right to the head of Bennie Briscoe during their Buenos Aires' meeting won by Monzon in 15 rounds in December, 1972. (Right) Monzon, the true middleweight king, in his fighting pose. (Below) A happy Monzon is carried around the ring by his entourage after stopping Nino Benvenuti in their return match.

By NAT LOUBET

Carlos Monzon, of the Argentine, is the official middleweight champion of the world. He won the title in the ring and he will lose it in the ring, unless he retires.

The Ring Magazine, always a strong advocate of law and order, is stronger than ever in support of Monzon's right to the title.

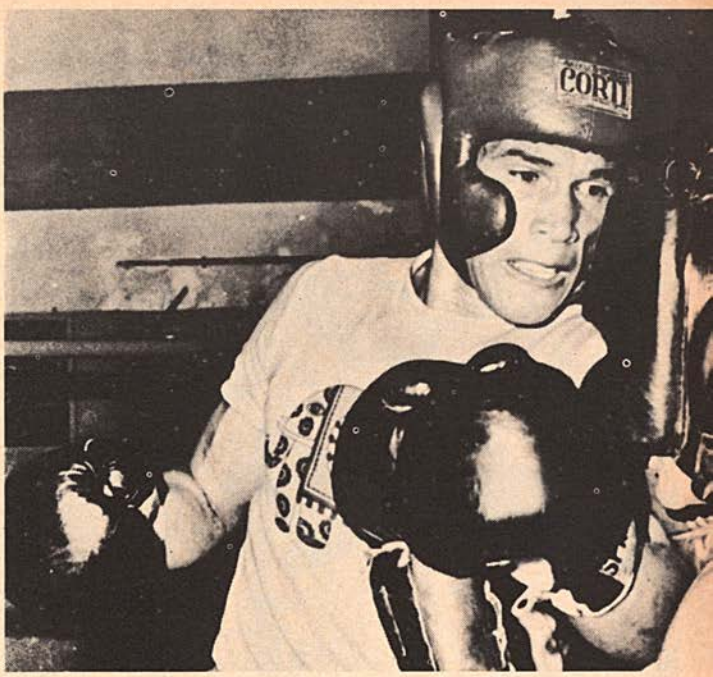
However, believe it or not, there is opposition. We might even call it a contrivance to take the title away from its rightful owner.

Not so long ago, much to the amazement of fight fans, writers, officials, critics and the World Boxing Association, Dr. Ramon Velasquez, who heads a thing called the World Boxing Council, announced from Mexico City that Monzon no longer was the middleweight champion and that Rodrigo Valdez and Bennie Briscoe would fight it out for the title at Monte Carlo during the week of the Grand Prix, France's famous bicycle race.

The strange feature of this "edict" of the WBC czar was that he was able to get some hitherto logical thinking persons to vote his way.

The European Boxing Union first announced that it would not back up Dr. Velasquez.

Later came an about face. The EBU had voted to go along with the WBC. Why?



(Left) Carlos relaxes by reading the latest news (Above) Monzon trains as hard as he battles in the ring.

Perhaps the most inexplicable feature of the Monzon decision was the fact that as a member of the WBC, the British Board of Boxing Control was bound by the Velasquez dictum. Time was when the British Board was the most powerful boxing organization in the world.

The dispatch from London announcing the British Board's lining up with the WBC read as follows:

"World middleweight boxing champion Carlos Monzon Wednesday was stripped of his title by the British Boxing Board which announced it was following the earlier decision of the World Boxing Council.

"The board, like the WBC, will recognize the winner of a fight between Rodrigo Valdez of Columbia and American Benny Briscoe at Monaco on May 25 as the middleweight titleholder. The WBC stripped Monzon because he did not live up to an agreement to fight Valdez within 90 days after beating Jose Napoles in their middleweight championship bout at Paris last December."

The French Federation, which backed the WBC in the Monzon affair, also has lost a lot of its former prestige. The Federation is said to be a financial gainer by the Briscoe-Valdez match, which was won by Valdez.

Velasquez is a remarkable person who is worthy of praise – of a sort.

He organized the World Boxing Council because he did not like the World Boxing Association.

Dr. V. made himself the president and major domo of the Council.

In partial admiration of the forceful way in which Dr. V. organized and took command of the WBC, the Ring Magazine long has sought adequate and accurate material for an article on him.

However, this material, conceivably due to a language barrier and the distance between Mexico City and New York, left many lacunae in the Velasquez biography.

The source of the WBC czar's intimate knowledge of the finer points of boxing is not known in North America. Whence came his ability to judge a fight?

At times the Velasquez "edicts" have hinted at a desire for publicity. A man prominent in a professional sport cannot be blamed for wanting to see his name in print. But there are limits to how far this desire for popular attention can be tolerated.

The WBC chief obviously is a man of determination or he would not have gone so far as to announce that Monzon had lost his title outside of a ring.

Monzon won the world middleweight championship from Nimo Benvenuti, of Italy, at Rome in November, 1970. Carlos landed the title with a KO in the 12th round.

Carlos has defended the world title nine times and established an enviable reputation. His record as champion is as follows:

	1971		
May	9—Nino Benvenuti, Monte Carlo (Retained World Middleweight Title)	KO	3
Sept.	25—Emile Griffith, Buenos Aires (Retained World Middleweight Title)	KO	14
Dec.	5—Fraser Scott, Buenos Aires	KO	3
	1972		
Mar.	4—Denny Moyer, Rome (Retained World Middleweight Title)	KO	5
June	17—Jean-Claude Bouttier, Paris (Retained World Middleweight Title)	KO	12
Aug.	19—Tom Bogs, Copenhagen (Retained World Middleweight Title)	KO	5
Nov.	11—Bennie Briscoe, Buenos Aires (Retained World Middleweight Title)	W	15
	1973		
May	5—Roy Dale, Rome	KO	5
June	2—Emile Griffith, Monte Carlo (Retained World Middleweight Title)	W	15
Sept.	29—Jean-Claude Bouttier, Paris (Retained World Middleweight Title)	W	15
	1974		
Feb.	9—Jose Napoles, Paris (Retained World Middleweight Title)	KO	7

Is this the record of a pretender to a title? He may retire but he will not lose his title by WBC command.

If Monzon retires, Valdez will have a clear claim to the middleweight title.

Some time back Carlos did talk some about quitting the ring and devoting himself to the making of movies.

But report has it that he has changed his mind. In the meantime he definitely is the world champion among the middleweights.

Unbiased experts who saw Valdez take out Briscoe in Monte Carlo, believe that if Monzon meets Valdez, the defending champion will have too much power for the Colombian.

As Angie Dundee said recently following the defeat of Jose Napoles by Carlos, "Monzon is the complete fighter. He can box, he can hit, he can think, and he is game all the way."

(Above) Heavyweight champion George Foreman, shown here with Archie Moore, will undoubtedly be highly-favored in the betting odds when he enters the ring against Muhammad Ali in Kinshasa, Zaire, in September. (Below) Foreman belts Ken Norton to the canvas in the second and final round of their Caracas engagement in March.

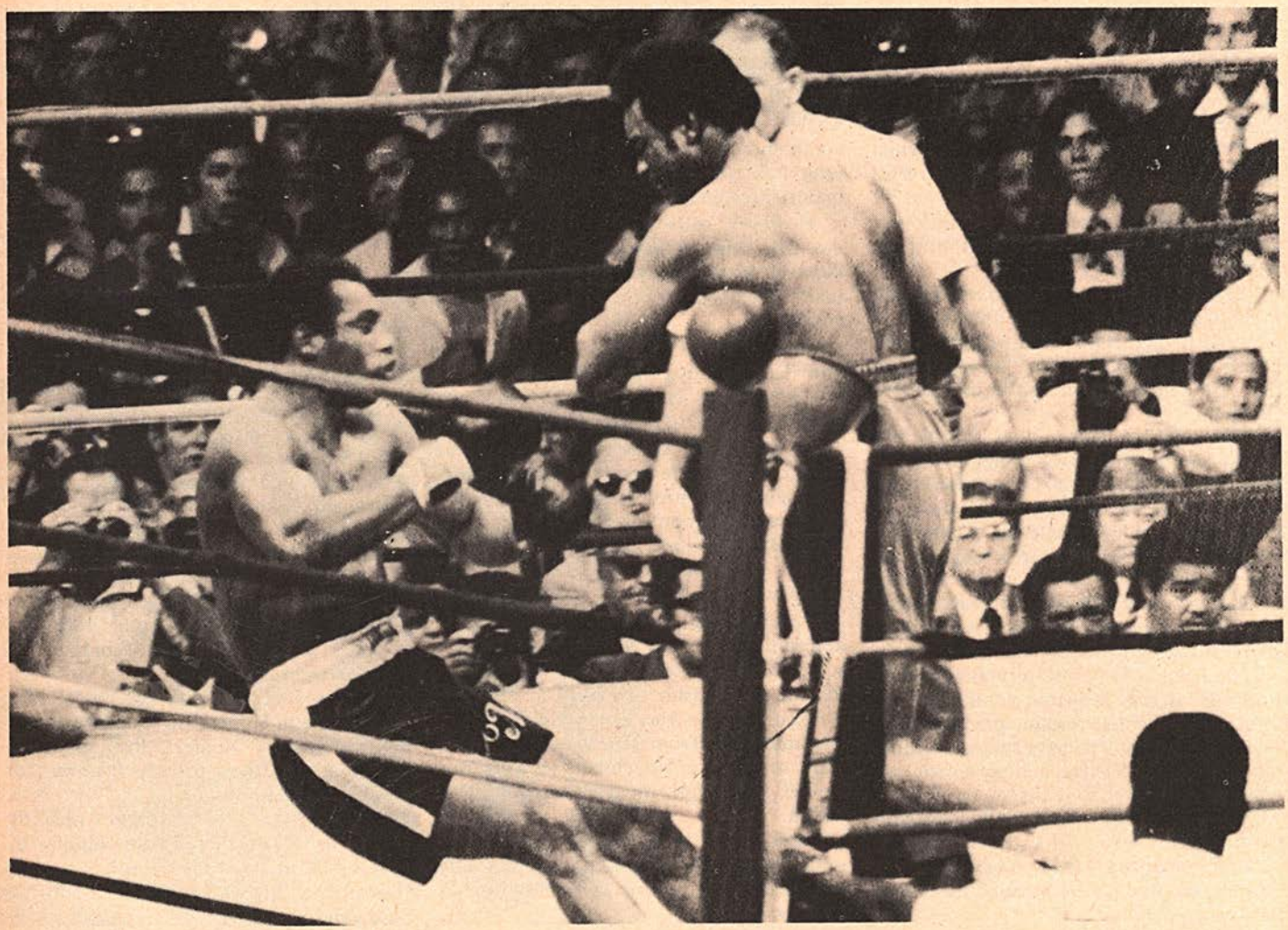
FOREMAN FAVORED IN BETTING BUT ACTION IS SLOW FOR ZAIRE BOUT

By DAN DANIEL

Action looking toward the world heavyweight championship fight between George Foreman and Muhammad Ali in Kinshasa, Zaire, the old Congo, is moving along.

An effort to establish betting odds has set up Foreman as the favorite but backers of Ali are holding off in the expectation of much better odds than being offered now.

Time was when there was a lot of betting on a heavyweight championship fight. But even in betting centers like Las Vegas, there is a tendency to postpone betting until the last two or three days.



Muhammad Ali is going at full steam during a press conference in New York. He's chiding Foreman for not showing up for the official announcement of the big bout.

Early action made the champion the choice at 2 to 1, but it is expected that the odds against Ali will go higher. Foreman has behind him a couple of two-round knockouts over Joe Frazier and Ken Norton while Muhammad has shown indications of retrogression.

Video Techniques, which is promoting the 15-round fight, with assurances of five million dollars for each fighter, expects a full house of 100,000 in the soccer stadium at Kinshasa.

But there will be no grand invasion of fans from the United States and Europe.

There may be a housing problem in Kinshasa for the fight.

There is also the matter of the high cost of flying to what used to be known as Leopoldville in the onetime Belgian Congo.

It looks as if it will take at least $1,500 to reach Kinshasa via Sabena, based in Belgium, or Swissair, which is headquartered in Zurich.

A fight enthusiast planning a return trip out of New York had better have more than $2,000 for the excursion.

The fight is scheduled for September 24 at 10 P.M., New York time, and September 25 at 3 A.M. Kinshasa time. Nothing like that sort of timetable ever has been arranged for a world title fight.

Video Techniques, of course, is not spending millions of dollars with the hope of getting a profit on 100,000 spectators.

Video Techniques expects at least $20,000,000 from the closed circuit television sales around the world.

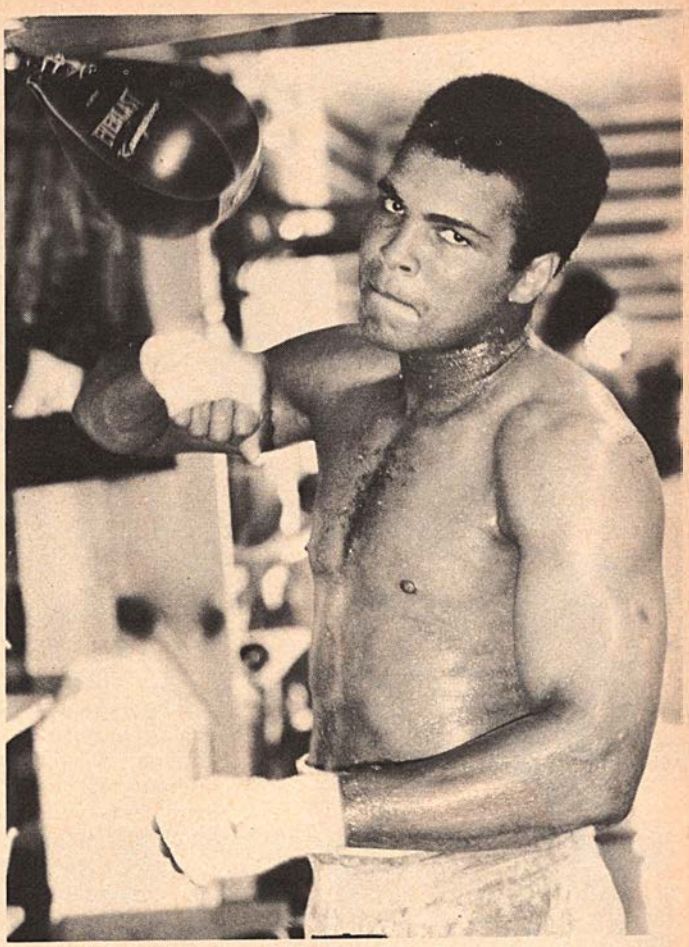
This sounds more than fantastic but the fact remains that the first Joe Frazier-Muhammad Ali fight in New York's Garden, televised universally, produced a take of $17,000,000. This fight will do better. It will fill New York's Garden, for one.

Video Techniques is not happy with Foreman, who has shown no tendency to cooperate with the syndicate which has contracted to pay him $5,000,000 for his title defense.

Foreman was to have appeared, with Muhammad Ali, at a press conference-brunch in New York. Ali had the field all to himself. Foreman did not show up. The promoting syndicate cannot figure him.

George may be taking his world championship too seriously as a social asset. His tax hassle in Caracas after the Norton fight may have made him bitter against the word.

That Video Techniques so far has lived up to all provisions of its contract with Zaire was the word brought to New York by a representative of President Mombuto of Zaire.



A sweaty Ali works out with the speed bag at his Deer Lake, Pa. training camp.

The writer had written to President Mombuto to confirm the bona fides of arrangements announced by Video Techniques.

The Foreman-Ali match has spurred the heavyweight market everywhere.

It produced the Frazier-Quarry match in New York, the Kirkman-Norton fight in Seattle and the Bugner-Baruzzi hassle in Copenhagen.

Things must be tough for Bugner in England. Joe has established a reputation as an erratic fighter in John Bull's domain.

At a press conference held by Madison Square Garden in New York, Irving Mitchell Felt, high functionary in the organization, announced that a settlement had been reached with New York State tax officials regarding taxes imposed on visiting fighters.

After the first Ali-Frazier fight in the Garden, each fighter had been taxed $348,000. This prohibitive impost for the time being chased big fighters away from New York.

Felt announced that, henceforth, the Garden would once again bid for the biggest heavyweight fights.

The Frazier-Quarry match was the first in the Garden resurgence. However, it is a question how far the revival will extend.

In setting up the odds for the fight in Africa, those who specialize in that industry have a direct line of comparison.

Foreman, a champion himself, will be fighting his second former world titleholder. He disposed of the first one, Frazier,

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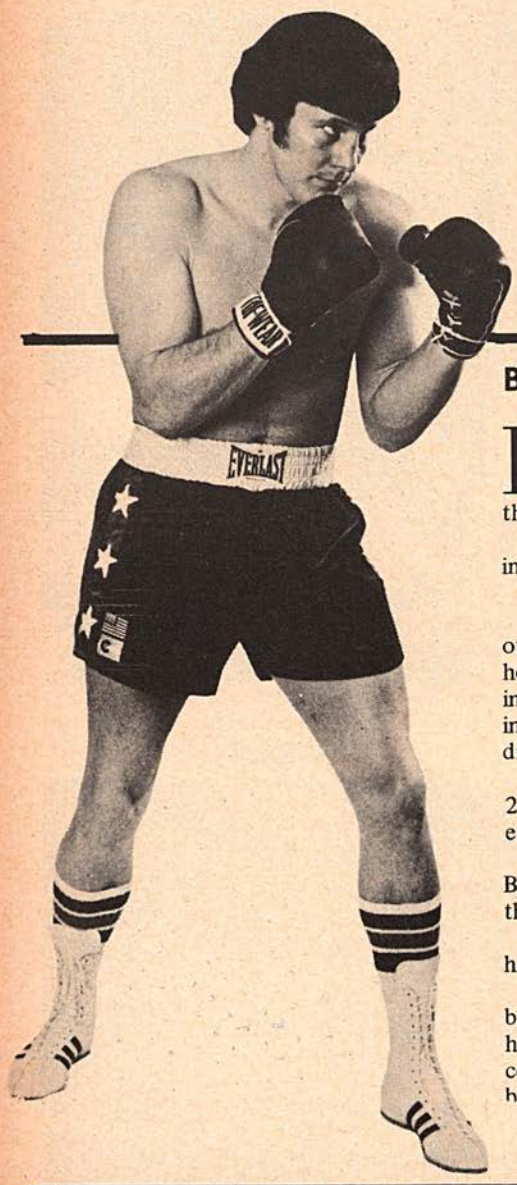
"Watch Bobick Closely," Says Angelo Dundee



By MIKE HAYES

DENVER, Colo. – Angelo Dundee, trainer of Muhammad Ali, knows a fighter when he sees one.

Recently, after seeing Duane Bobick score an early KO, Angie said, "Watch that Bobick guy. Watch him closely."

Angie has no connection with the Bobick entourage. He came to see Duane out of interest in a young and coming star. And he was enthusiastic.

Duane Bobick has time on his side, and plenty of it!

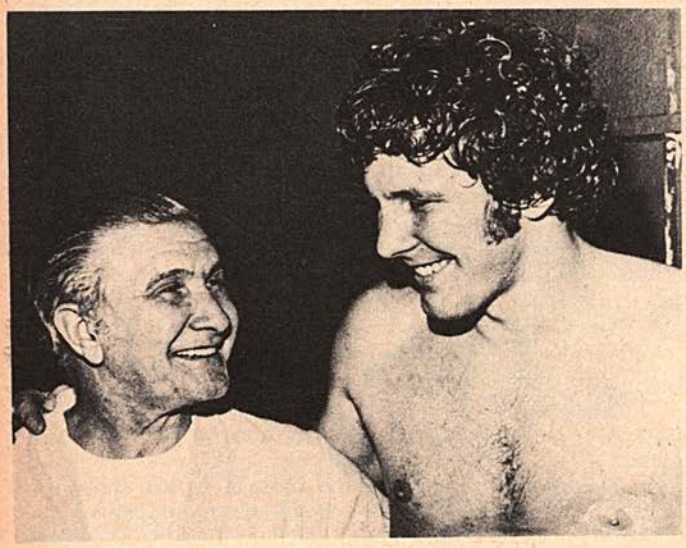
The hard-hitting slugger from tiny Bowlus, Minnesota (population 264), now fights out of Denver, and has emerged as one of the brighest prospects on the heavyweight horizon. A solid amateur background which included nearly every national and international title, plus the best training and backing as a professional are the ingredients which are contributing to Bobick's spectacular rise in the heavyweight division.

Voted "Rookie of the Year" in 1973, the 23-year-old Bobick has thus far racked up 21 consecutive pro victories in his first 12 months of action. Nineteen of those bouts ended in knockouts, 15 before the conclusion of the third round.

Now ranked in the top ten by *Ring* Magazine's United States Ratings Committee, Bobick has all the tools necessary to verify what boxing experts have been saying for the past two years – Duane can some day rule as heavyweight champion of the world!

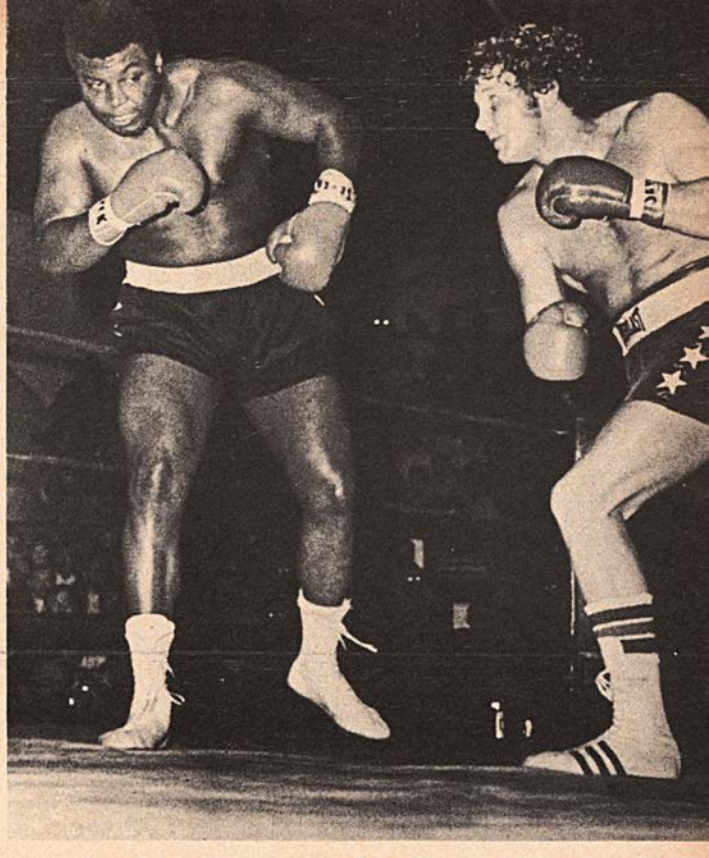
And, the 6-foot-3, 210-pound former United States Olympic representative is in no hurry to rush things.

Immediately after signing a professional partnership agreement with Denver businessman and sportsman Bill Daniels (who also is a partner with highly-ranked heavyweight Ron Lyle), Daniels set up Bobick's training camp in New York City so he could reap the benefits of intensive training under two of the best trainers in the business–Chickie Ferrara and Murphy Griffith, uncle of former five-time welterweight



Bobick and trainer Chickie Ferrera exchange broad smiles.

Duane signs professional partnership agreement with Bill Daniels, Denver sportsman.



(Left) Bobick is greeted by bride Barbara after defeating Lou Bailey in 10 rounds at Norfolk, Va. (Right) Lee Mandingo backs off from Bobick during their contest in San Diego. Bobick scored a two-round KO. (Below) Bobick connects with hard right cross in the Bailey encounter. Duane dominated, winning every round.

and middleweight champion Emile Griffith.

"I wanted the best for Duane and we're very fortunate to have Chickie and 'Griff' handling his training duties," Daniels stated. "They're both tremendous winners."

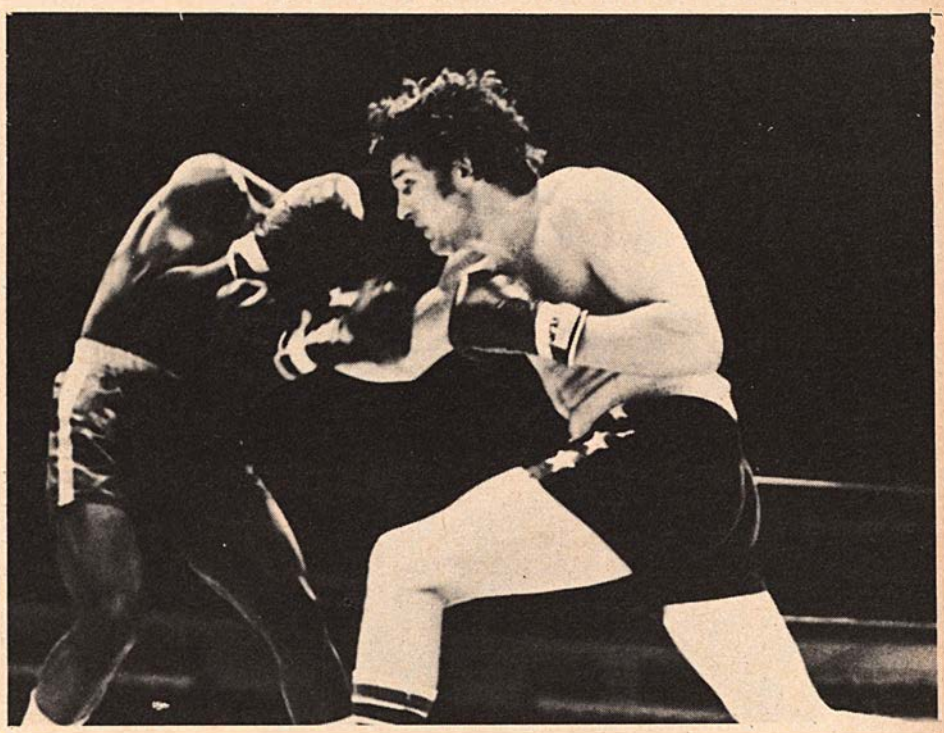
Ferrara, considered for years as one of the top cutmen and trainers in boxing, has handled former champions Dick Tiger, Floyd Patterson, Rocky Marciano, Muhammad Ali and Jimmy Ellis in addition to current contender Oscar Bonavena. He has more than 40 years of experience as a professional. Griffith, who recently retired after serving 31 years in the Navy, coached many of the great Navy teams in numerous national and international tournaments and also coached Bobick in the latter part of his Navy tenure.

Ferrara and Griffith have Bobick on a long-range timetable that hopefully will culminate with the heavyweight title within the next three or four years.

"Why rush him when he has a lot of things to learn?" Ferrara exclaimed. "This kid is only 23 and has a great future in boxing. I've seen too many good prospects thrown to the wolves just for a quick payday. We're not going to let this happen to Duane."

Ferrara and Daniels feel Bobick has to relearn a lot of boxing savvy in order to make up for the mistakes he made during his 103-bout amateur career.

"It's like telling an expert swimmer or skiier that everything he learned is all wrong," Daniels said. "Chickie and Griff are stripping Duane down to the fundamentals and then they'll rebuild. He still needs to learn much about movement in the ring plus defense. We know about his tremendous hitting power."



Contrary to the style of most heavyweights, Bobick prefers to concentrate on his fantastic body punching attack. Almost all of his 19 knockouts came after the opponent sustained tortuous body shots that forced the defense down.

Defense is another area Bobick's trainers are concentrating on.

As an amateur he merely overpowered his opponents," Ferrara continued. "He didn't have to learn much defense because he was so strong. But, now he's in against the big boys and he can't afford to stand out there and get hit in order to land his shots."

Bobick feels he has made great strides since he inked his pro contract a year ago.

"I know some of my opponents are

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FIGHT REFEREE HAROLD VALAN CALLS HIS JOB TOUGHEST OF PRO SPORTS OFFICIALS

By HAROLD VALAN
(WELL-KNOWN REFEREE)

ON March 8, 1971, in Madison Square Garden, New York, some 20,000 persons saw Joe Frazier defend the world heavyweight championship successfully against Muhammad Ali in a 15-round fight.

Some of the spectators may recollect that Arthur Mercante was the referee. How many onlookers could name the two judges appointed by the New York Commission? They were Artie Aidala and Bill Recht.

The referee and the judges all voted in favor of Frazier. But whom did the Muhammad Ali backers blast for a perfectly just and technically sound decision? Mercante, one of the best referees in the world.

What am I getting to? The fact that the job of a fight referee is the most difficult, most responsible, and most important in the entire category of professional sports functionaries of supreme authority.

The fight referee, under commission government of boxing, stands alone with the two contestants in the ring. Very seldom does any action of the fighters escape his attention. He is in the best position, insofar as location is concerned, to decide the winner, and identify the loser.

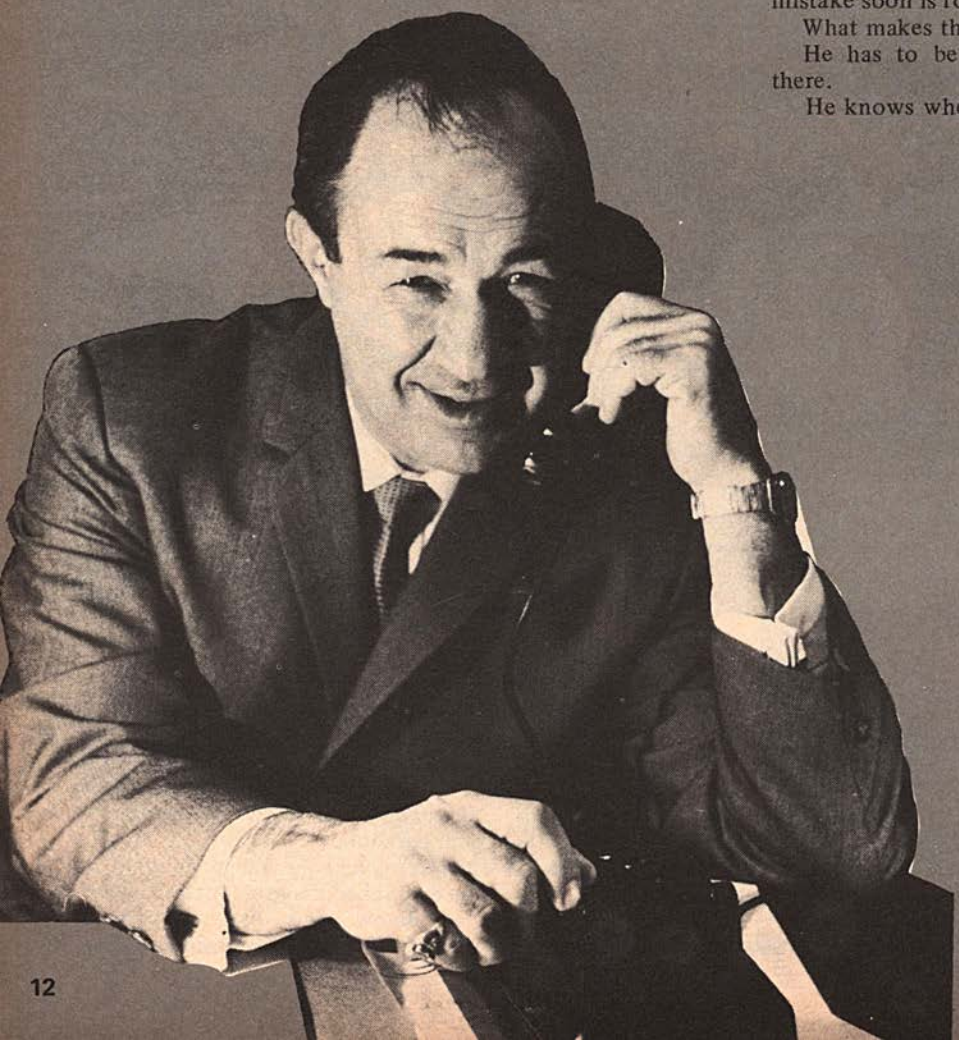
In major league baseball, the umpire at the plate is in command but he has instantaneous help on the bases and in the outfield from associates. They have private signals. Not only that. A mistake in the average game will not have anything like the finality that goes with the referee's decision in a championship fight, especially if he makes the verdict all by his lonesome.

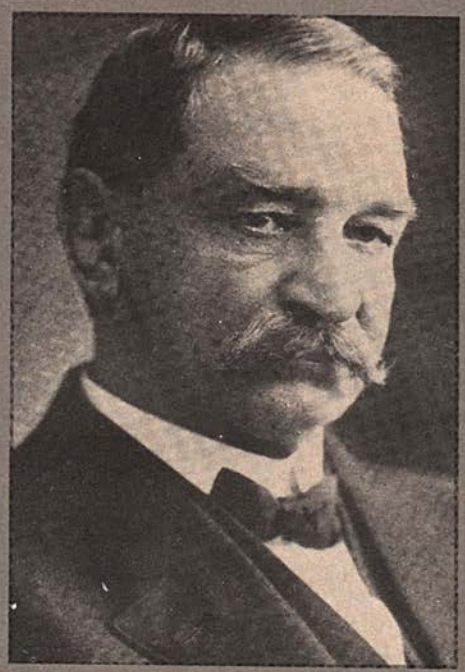
The chief official in hockey is assisted by goal judges; the professional basketball referee works night after night and a mistake soon is forgotten.

What makes the ideal fight referee?

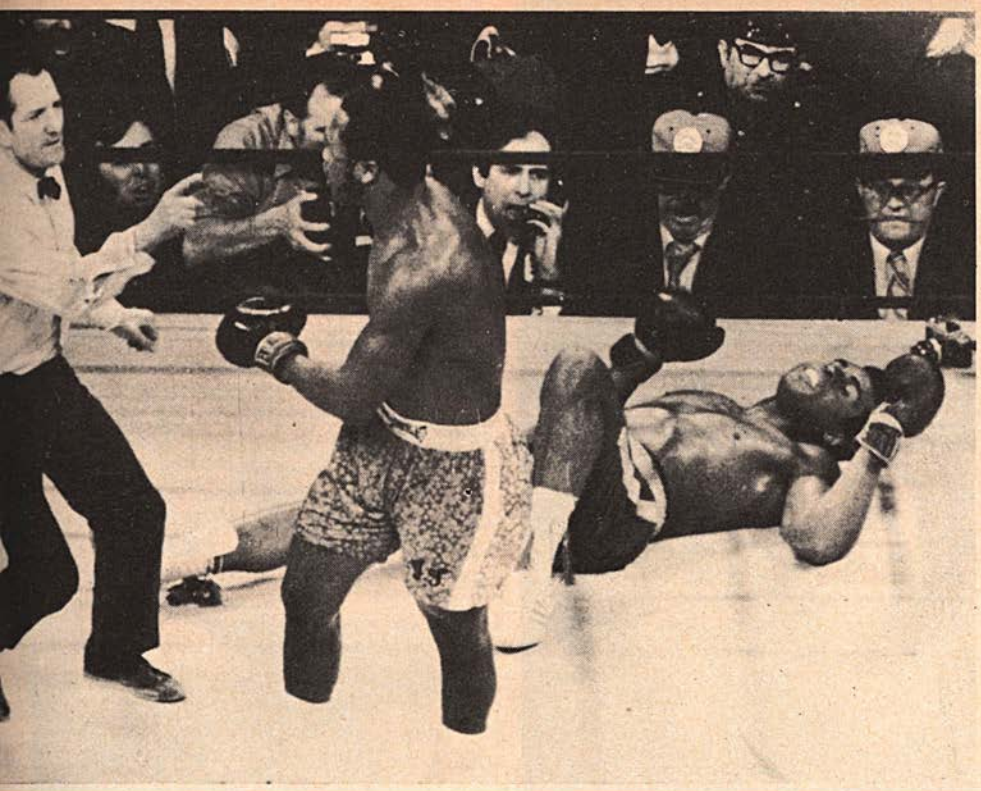
He has to be so good that hardly anybody knows he is there.

He knows when to break the fighters and when to let them





(Left) Harold Valan, the author of the accompanying article, who is one of the best-known and respected referees in the world. (Above) Oldtimers remember George Siler as one of the top ring officials.



Referee Arthur Mercante tells Joe Frazier to go to a neutral corner after knocking down Muhammad Ali in the 15th round of their first bout in 1971.

Arthur Donovan, who refereed many of Joe Louis' bouts, is regarded by Valan and many others as the best referee of all.

battle it out. He does not overdo interference. He will overlook small infractions but not stand for major ones. He will speed up a fight.

The topflight referee must be a top notch scorer, especially if he be solo, minus judges. The bad referee has a tendency to escape responsibility by calling everything even. The good referee knows a draw if it exists and for no other reason.

The referee cannot afford to have an off night. If he makes a slightly bad showing it is magnified tenfold. How dare he be human?

In some places in which boxing is ruled by a commission, the referee of a major event is not told of his appointment until the afternoon of the fight. This could be regarded as a lack of confidence in the choice.

The first rate referee knows the rules. He knows precedents.

The two judges, whose votes are on a parity with the referee's, may decide the winner even against the decision of the referee, who was not only best located, in the ring, but had the most complete comprehension of the traditional as well as the local commission regulations.

Mind, I am not decrying the presence of the judges and the possibility that they will outvote the referee.

But I am eager to impress on the fight fan that the judges, important as they are, leave the arena virtually anonymous and that the referee has to bear the brunt of any and every decision.

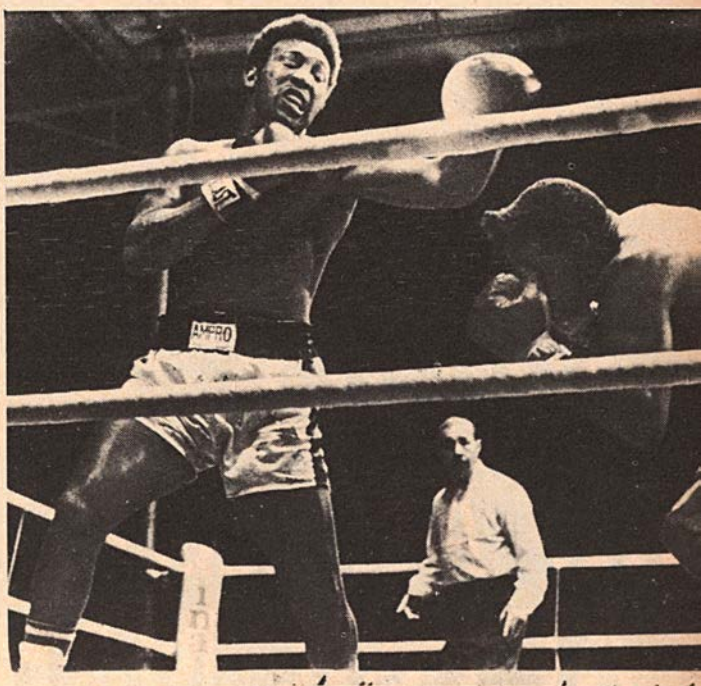
I have not alluded to the physical dangers which the referee sometimes has to undergo.

Here is a classic case, which I take out of the long ago.

On November 3, 1899, at Coney Island, New York, world heavyweight champion Jim Jeffries whipped Tom Sharkey in a 25-round battle.

George Siler, the standout referee of his time—there were no judges—gave the fight to Jeffries, and a just decision it was in the opinions of the true experts.

But New York fans did not like Jeff. They hooted and hollered over the verdict and Siler was prevented from leaving the arena until more than an hour after the contest. The Sharkey bloc wanted blood and blood it would have got if Siler had ventured out while the mob still was there.



Here is Valan refereeing the Jimmy Ellis-Floyd Patterson bout in Stockholm, Sweden in 1968. Valan was criticized by many for calling Ellis the winner.

Years afterward Dr. John Erdman, by then a great surgeon, told Dan Daniel, of The Ring, that Sharkey had suffered fractured ribs and other injuries. Tom had gone from the fight to the doctor's office.

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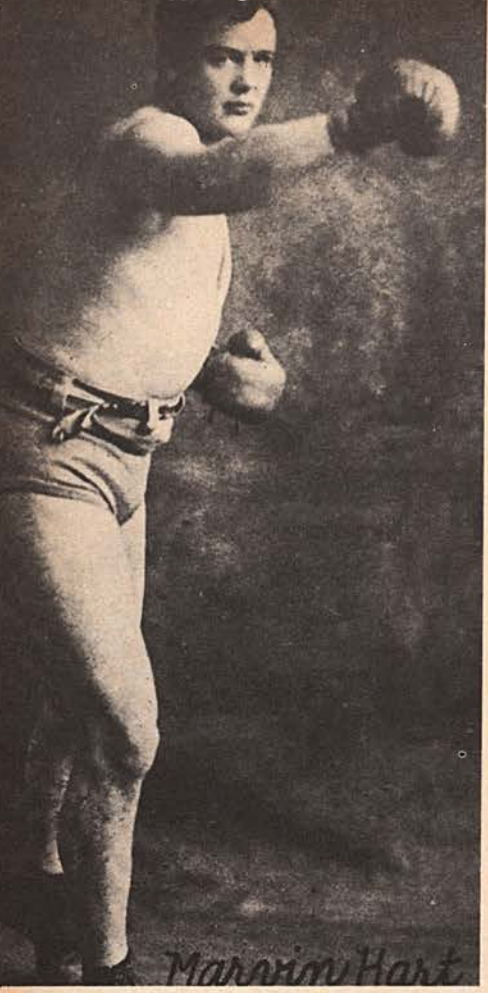
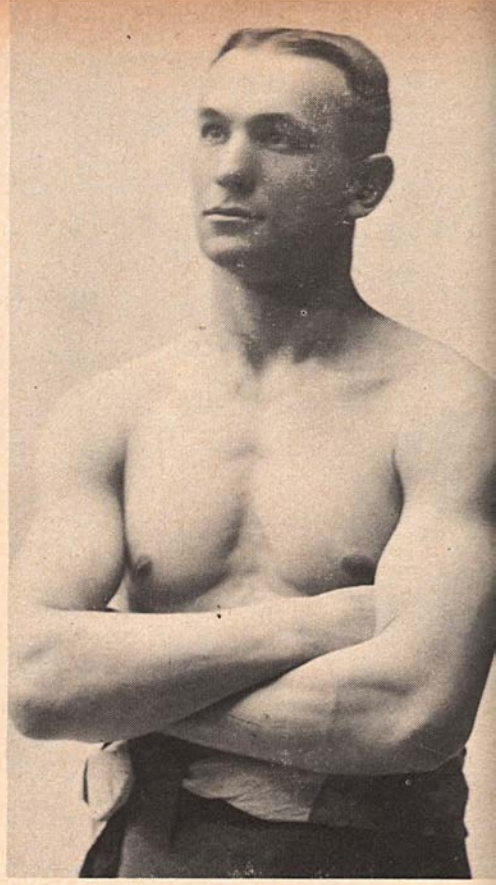


(Above) Marvin Hart, whom Jeffries did or did not give his blessings as his heavyweight title successor. (Right) Jim Jeffries, the immortal Boilermaker of ring history, whose retirement in May, 1905, opened up a whole can of worms.

SHOULD THERE BE AN ASTERISK AFTER MARVIN HART'S NAME?



Jack Root, a former light heavyweight monarch, who was stopped by Hart at Reno.

By MICHAEL J. BRODHEAD

LOOK at a list of the world's heavyweight champions. Often, such a list will include Marvin Hart. Invariably Hart's name is followed by an asterisk. The asterisk refers you to a footnote that says Hart held the title from July 3, 1905 to February 23, 1906—MAYBE!

Why the doubt? The story is short but confusing. After winning the championship from Bob Fitzsimmons in 1899, James J. Jeffries reigned until May 13, 1905, at which time he announced his retirement.

The situation was unprecedented. There was no national or international boxing officialdom to decide how to fill the vacant championship. Tradition has it that Jeffries announced that Marvin Hart and Jack Root were the logical contenders for the laurels he had set aside, that the two men fought, that Hart won, and that Jeffries conferred the title on Hart on the spot, as referee.

The facts aren't that simple. When the news of Jeffries' retirement reached Nevada, two enterprising men, J.P. ("Kid") Egan, of Reno, and Al Livingston, of Carson City, began planning a bout between Hart and Root, which they (but not at this point Jeffries) announced would result in the crowning of a new heavyweight king.

Under the auspices of the Reno Athletic Club (of which Livingston was president and Egan secretary) an agreement was drawn up between the two fighters and their managers in late May, 1905.

The agreement stated that the contest was to be held in Reno on July 2 (later changed to July 3) and that the victor was to receive the championship. The purse was set at $5000, the winner to get 65 percent, the loser the remainder.

Hart, a farm boy from Fern Creek, Kentucky, had built up a respectable yet hardly spectacular record as a hard-punching, graceless fighter. His career as a professional dated only from 1899. In March of 1905 he gained a victory over Jack Johnson in a 20-round contest.

Many observers believed that the decision had gone to Hart simply because Johnson let him be the aggressor—and because of race prejudice.

Johnson was black, proud, flamboyant, and a master boxer. White fans shuddered at the thought of a black contender for the title that Jeff had held. Hart's triumph, such as it was, bolstered his standing as a possible successor to Jeffries.

Root (born Janos Ruthaly, in present-day Czechoslovakia) had been fighting professionally since 1897. His credentials were slightly more impressive than Hart's. He had been the first light heavyweight champion.

In fact, the division had been created especially for him at the urging of his manager, Lou Houseman, a Chicago sportswriter. Root lost his briefly-held title in 1903 to George Gardner, who also defeated Hart in the same year and fought him to a draw in 1904.

Root and Hart had fought a six-round affair in 1902, with Root winning the decision. Root's other claim to fame at the time was as a song writer.

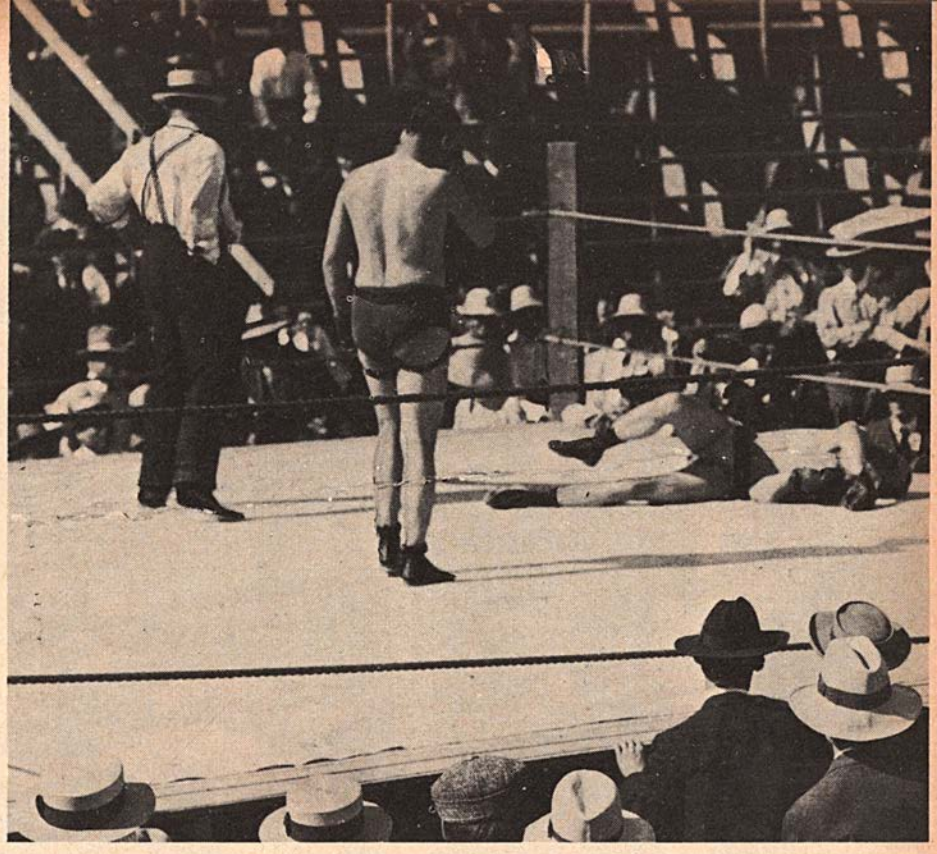
The main problem was to get the rest of the world to accept the winner of the Hart-Root contest as the new heavyweight champion.

Contrary to the legend, Jeffries did not initiate the plan to hand over the title to the winner of this or any other bout. In fact, as he announced his retirement he stated flatly: "I leave my title to no one. The others must fight it out among themselves."

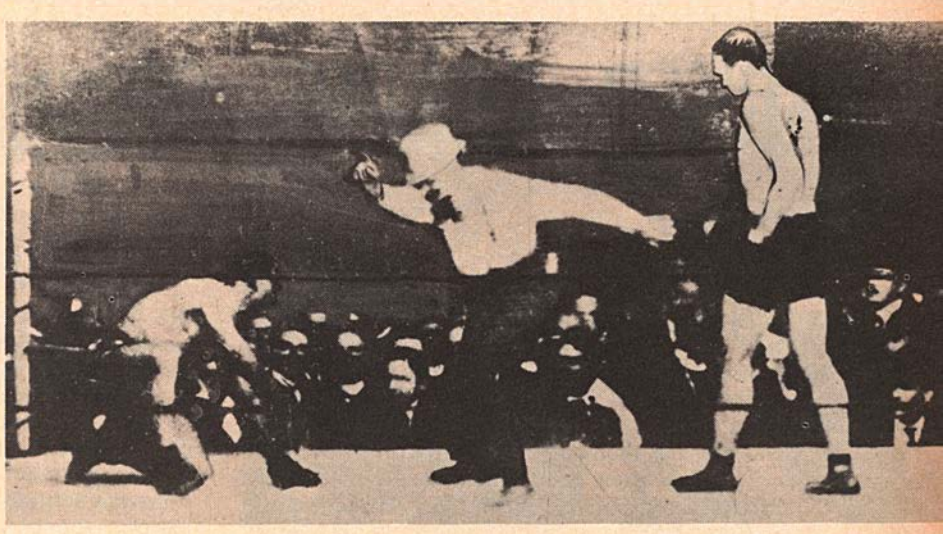
"The others" included Jack Johnson (whom Jeffries had refused to fight), Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Gus Ruhlin and George Gardner.

Aging Bob Fitsimmons made the preposterous claim that the title had reverted to him. Since the Nevada promoters had made their bold move while others were only mulling over the matter of Jeff's successor, the public had no choice other than to see what developed in Reno.

Even if Hart and Root were not the most logical contenders for the crown, Nevada was the most logical place to hold the fight.



The knockout of Root by Hart in the 12th round. Jeffries, with the hat on, is the referee.



One of Jeffries' top victory's was that over Tom Sharkey at Coney Island, N.Y. in 1899 in 25 rounds. Here we Sharkey on the canvas about to get up and resume the action.

In 1896 the legislature passed a law sanctioning public prize fights, which briefly made Nevada the only state to have legalized professional boxing. In the following year the Corbett-Fitzsimmons bout took place at Carson City. Soon other states began allowing pugilism, but by 1905 Nevada was still the only state that permitted "finish" fights, that is, matches without a limit on rounds.

Since the winner of the Hart-Root affair would have only a shaky claim to the title, a finish fight would make the claim more substantial. Victories in such bouts had a certain definitiveness.

It was believed that the fight would draw well. The Corbett-Fitzsimmons bout had not been a financial success, partly because Nevada was then suffering from a prolonged economic slump and a lack of population. By 1905, however, the Tonopah-Goldfield booms had brought mineral wealth and thousands of new residents to the Silver State.

Soon after the signing of the agreement between the fighters, Egan and Livingston attended to other necessary

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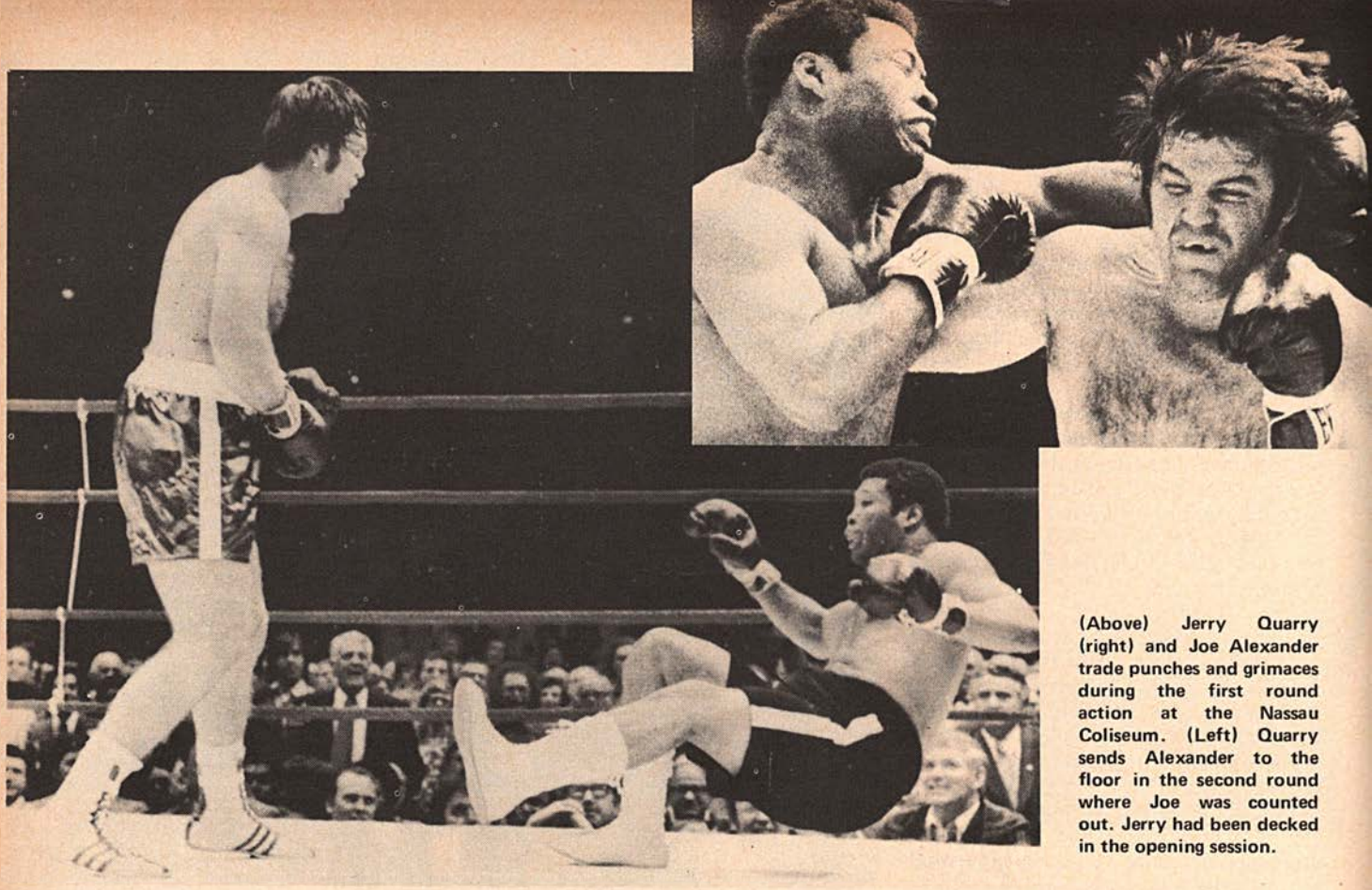


(Above) Jerry Quarry (right) and Joe Alexander trade punches and grimaces during the first round action at the Nassau Coliseum. (Left) Quarry sends Alexander to the floor in the second round where Joe was counted out. Jerry had been decked in the opening session.

DECKED QUARRY STOPS FOE IN 2

By SAM TAUB

JERRY Quarry, ex-Coast man now living in Malverne, N.Y., helped put on the first pro boxing show yet held in the new suburban New York Nassau County Veterans Coliseum, on Long Island, by registering a two round KO over Joe Alexander, of Sumter, S.C. The fight saw the winner in trouble in round one and then the punching bee in the second and the kayo. The fight drew a turnout of 5,692 for a gross gate of $55,570.50. The Coliseum, by the way, is situated at the old Floyd Bennett Field grounds where Col. Lindbergh took off on his historic flight to Paris.

Promoter Bob Arum and Matchmaker Oscar Conill afterwards said they were content with the show and the fans getting out to the arena, which isn't too far from New York. Bob says he has six fights set for the future, with cable TV, under the Top Rank banner. It's a lovely spot and everybody except Alexander seemed happy with the way the show went. They made it a pleasurable evening so far as the reporters, radio, TV people and the cash customers were concerned.

As for the star bout, it was histrionics not quite comparable to the Jack Dempsey-Luis Angel Firpo heavyweight title match in the Polo Grounds, when the Argentinian had his man through the ropes and himself succumbed in the second round following a series of knockdowns.

The entire Madison Square Garden staff was at the Nassau shindig. There was almost a case of near apoplexy in the opening canto when Alexander, scaling 205 pounds, crashed a left hook to Quarry's chin. It was a terrific belt and pandemonium broke loose as Quarry took the attack. It again showed anything can happen in a fight.

Things changed quickly in the second and what proved to be the final session. Alexander tried to press his first round performance but Quarry, having been admonished by Manager Gil Clancy to get in there and finish the job quickly, brushed off a few left jabs of his opponent and then started a vicious attack that culminated in his kayo victory.

Jerry, angry at what had occurred in canto one, started lashing out with both hands. A terrific left and right to the jaw toppled his man for a count of eight. A murderous right to the left side by Quarry, before the two-fisted attack to the jaw, hadn't helped Alexander's cause at all.

Hardly had the Southerner arose than Quarry again tore in with both hands, flailing away with a combination of rights and lefts to the jaw and this time Alexander hit the deck near his own corner flat on his back and in deep trouble. Referee Arthur Mercante quickly started the count but then the bell rang, we thought at seven, with Alexander trying to get up. Under the rule permitting the count to carry on in a knockdown situation, the referee continued his count and finally ruled him a knockout victim in the second round.

The crowd in attendance was up on its feet mostly during the pyrotechnics in the first round, when Quarry appeared to jeopardize his coming affair with ex-champ Joe Frazier in Madison Square Garden. *(Continued on page 42)*

VALDEZ STOPS BRISCOE TO BECOME MONZON CHALLENGER

By J. A. TREE

MONTE Carlo, Monaco – Rodrigo Valdez, of Columbia, became Carlos Monzon's No. 1 challenger for the world middleweight championship when he halted Bennie Briscoe, of Philadelphia, in the seventh round. Referee Harry Gibbs stopped the fight.

A right made the American woozy and a left hook settled the argument to the complete satisfaction of the British referee.

Valdez left the ring announcing himself as the world middleweight champion. But he was a big distance from the title once held by Stanley Ketchel.

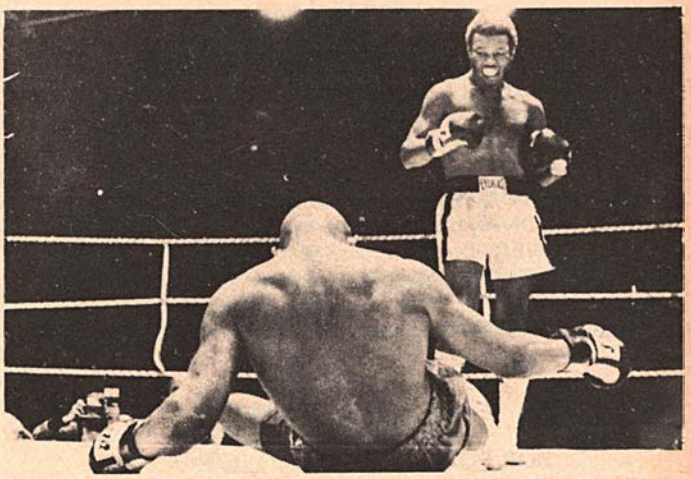
The fight here did not affect the title except to make the expected defense by Monzon appear to be more difficult.

There is no ground for declaring Valdez the champion by edict of the World Boxing Council, per Dr. Ramon Velasquez.

As the fight proceeded, it became evident that the age difference between the 26-year-old Valdez and the 33-year-old Briscoe was a dominant factor.

There was trouble for the American as early as the first round when he was staggered. The fight produced one knockdown.

Briscoe was not counted out. He was up at eight but referee Gibbs felt there was no sense in going on with the fight.



Rodrigo Valdez eyes the floored Bennie Briscoe after knocking him down in the seventh round of their contest at Monte Carlo. The bout was halted by the referee a few moments later after Briscoe got to his feet.

Valdez got a souvenir he did not want in the fourth round when he suffered a cut eye.

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NO CHANCE FOR MIDDLETON AGAINST REVIVED BONAVENA

By JOHN ORT

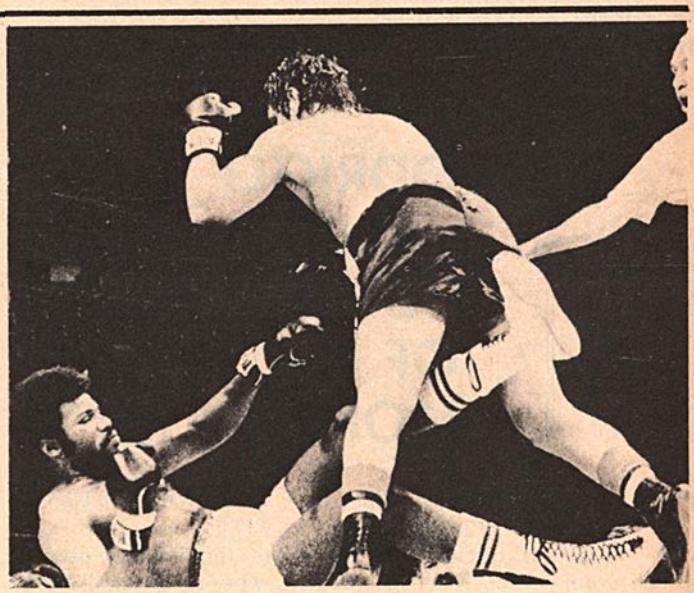
LARGO, MD. – Argentina's Oscar "Ringo" Bonavena, 205, found new life in his old bones when he destroyed local heavyweight Larry Middleton, 203, over 12 rounds. There was no question concerning the decision. The interest was in Middleton. The 6,000 fans who came out to the second boxing show in the new Capital Centre early wondered if their hero could go the route.

From the first round on, Oscar set the tempo of the contest. He came to fight, rushing out of his corner throwing vicious left hooks to the body and head. Larry did nothing but throw a few feeble left jabs and fend off the charging bull like a matador.

Rounds 2, 3, and 4 were no better for the out-gunned Middleton. Bonavena kept coming, doubling and even tripling with lefts to the stomach, ribs and chin of his opponent.

The 5th was the only round Larry won. Oscar coasted at this point and ended up in more of a wrestling match than a boxing contest. The only good punch of the round was scored by Larry, a right to the side of Ringo's head.

The tide of the bout returned to its original form in the 6th, with Oscar swinging lefts from the floor, all connecting, and hurting Larry, who was staggered twice.



Oscar Bonavena trips over Larry Middleton after the latter slipped to the canvas in the fifth round of their 12-rounder at Largo, Md. Bonavena won the 12-rounder with ease.

Bonavena scored the only knockdown of the contest in the 7th. He tagged the Baltimore boxer with a double left hook to the jaw and finished it off with a wind-up left to the heart, which devastated Middleton. He took the eight count and survived the round when Oscar failed to follow up his advantage.

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WORLD RATINGS

By NAT LOUBET

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
GEORGE FOREMAN, Hayward, Calif.
1–**MUHAMMAD ALI (CASSIUS CLAY),** Cherry Hill, N.J.
2–**JOE FRAZIER,** Philadelphia, Pa.
3–**JERRY QUARRY,** Los Angeles, Calif.
4–**RON LYLE,** Denver, Colo.
5–**KEN NORTON,** San Diego, Calif.
6–**OSCAR BONAVENA,** Argentina
7–**JOE BUGNER,** England
8–**CHUCK WEPNER,** Bayonne, N.J.
9–**LARRY MIDDLETON,** Baltimore, Md.
10–**BOONE KIRKMAN,** Seattle, Wash.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BOB FOSTER, Alburquerque, N.M.
1–**JOHN CONTEH,** England
2–**LEN HUTCHINS,** Detroit, Mich.
3–**VICTOR GALINDEZ,** Argentina
4–**JORGE AHUMADA,** Argentina
5–**KARL HEINZ KLEIN,** Germany
6–**PIERRO FOURIE,** South Africa
7–**TOM BOGS,** Denmark
8–**MAXIE SMITH,** England
9–**RICHIE KATES,** Philadelphia, Pa.
10–**ALVARO LOPEZ,** Stockton, Calif.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS MONZON, Argentina
1–**RODRIGO VALDEZ,** Colombia
2–**TONY MUNDINE,** Australia
3–**TONY LICATA,** New Orleans, La.
4–**BENNIE BRISCOE,** Philadelphia, Pa.
5–**KOICHI WAJIMA,** Japan
6–**GRATIEN TONNA,** France
7–**EMILE GRIFFITH,** New York, N.Y.
8–**KEVIN FINNEGAN,** England
9–**JEAN-CLAUDE BOUTTIER,** France
10–**WILLIE MONROE,** Philadelphia, Pa.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOSE NAPOLES, Mexico
1–**CLYDE GRAY,** Canada
2–**HEDGEMON LEWIS,** Detroit, Mich.
3–**ANGEL ESPADA,** Puerto Rico
4–**ELISHA OBED,** Nassau, Bahamas
5–**FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ,** Dominican Rep.
6–**EDDIE PERKINS,** Chicago, Ill.
7–**JOHN STRACEY,** England
8–**ROGER MENETREY,** France
9–**ALVIN ANDERSON,** Baltimore, Md.
10–**BILLY LLOYD,** Philadelphia, Pa.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ANTONIO CERVANTES, Colombia
1–**BRUNO ARCARI,** Italy
2–**HECTOR THOMPSON,** Australia
3–**CARLOS GIMINEZ,** Argentina
4–**TONI ORTIZ,** Spain
5–**ROGER ZAMI,** France
6–**ALFONSO FRAZER,** Panama
7–**MIGUEL BARRETO,** Puerto Rico
8–**MONROE BROOKS,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9–**TONY PETRONELLI,** Taunton, Mass.
10–**HECTOR MATTA,** Puerto Rico

RODRIGO VALDEZ FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

THE month's end came with a rush and a grand production of important fights.

It was difficult to determine the Fighter of the Month from among Rodrigo Valdez, who took out Bennie Briscoe in seven; Bobby Chacon, who knocked out Danny Lopez; and Kevin Finnegan, who won over Jean-Claude Bouttier for the European middleweight title.

All three winners made important success for themselves.

Valdez won the right to be the No. 1 challenger of Carlos Monzon for the middleweight title; Chacon moved toward the featherweight championship, now open; and Finnegan gained the middleweight championship of Europe. The Ring's choice of Fighter of the Month fell on Valdez, but not by a very big margin over Chacon.

Of major interest, too, was Oscar Bonavena's return to stylish fighting in his victory over Larry Middleton.

In short, there is a lot of fighting going on in all parts of the fistic world. And soon there will be a battle in a part of the universe not hitherto as a championship venue—Zaire, the oldtime Congo.

The featherweight title situation has many unusual facets.

In addition to there being no world feather champion there actually is no No. 1 contender.

Ernesto Marcel, of Panama is listed as No. 1. He has said repeatedly that he has retired. But the Panama Commission insists he still is active.

Marcel should know better than anybody else whether he has quit fighting or still is in the ring. But the Commission says, "Oh no, you don't."

It may be actuated by the patriotic desire to claim another native contender for a title.

The heavyweight division has produced only one recent result bearing on the ratings. Bomavena's 12-round decision over Middleton in Baltimore raised the

RATINGS

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING JUNE 15, 1974

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ROBERTO DURAN, Panama
1–**KEN BUCHANAN,** Scotland
2–**ESTEBAN DeJESUS,** Puerto Rico
3–**RAY LAMPKIN,** Portland, Ore.
4–**ANGEL MAYORAL,** Las Vegas, Nev.
5–**ISHIMATSU SUZUKI,** Japan
6–**RUDY BARRO,** Philippines
7–**HUGO GUTIERREZ,** Argentina
8–**JIMMY HEAIR,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9–**RODOLFO GONZALEZ,** Mexico
10–**JIM WATTS,** Scotland

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BEN VILLAFLOR, Philippines
1–**KUNIAKI SHIBATA,** Japan
2–**ALFREDO ESCALERA,** Puerto Rico
3–**SVEN-ERIK PAULSEN,** Norway
4–**APOLLO YOSHIO,** Japan
5–**TYRONE EVERETT,** Philadelphia, Pa.
6–**LOTHAR ABEND,** Germany
7–**SAMMY GOSS,** Trenton, N.J.
8–**VICTOR ECHEGARAY,** Argentina
9–**JEAN-BAPTISTE PIEDVACHE,** France
10–**ANTONIO AMAYA,** Panama

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1–**ERNESTO MARCEL,** Panama
2–**EDER JOFRE,** Brazil
3–**RUBEN OLIVARES,** Mexico
4–**BOBBY CHACON,** Los Angeles, Calif.
5–**ALFREDO MARCANO,** Venezuela
6–**LIONEL HERNANDEZ,** Venezuela
7–**ALEX AGUELLO,** Nicaragua
8–**ART HAFEY,** Canada
9–**DANNY LOPEZ,** Los Angeles, Calif.
10–**ANTONIO (GITANO) JIMINEZ,** Spain

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ARNOLD TAYLOR, South Africa
1–**RAFAEL HERRERA,** Mexico
2–**JOHNNY CLARK,** England
3–**BENICO SOSA,** Argentina
4–**ROMEO ANAYA,** Mexico
5–**BENNY RODRIGUEZ,** Los Angeles, Cal.
6–**JOSE CASAS,** Argentina
7–**RODOLFO MARTINEZ,** Mexico
8–**FRANCISCO VILLEGAS,** Puerto Rico
9–**SAUL MONTANO,** Mexico
10–**VENICE BORKORSOR,** Thailand

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds0
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1–**BETULIO GONZALEZ,** Venezuela
2–**MIGUEL CANTO,** Mexico
3–**FERNAND CABANELA,** Philippines
4–**CHARTCHAI CHIONOI,** Thailand
5–**FRITZ CHERVET,** Switzerland
6–**ERBITO SALVARRIA,** Philippines
7–**BIG JIM WEST,** Australia
8–**VICENTE POOL,** Mexico
9–**HENRY NISSEN,** Australia
10–**PABLO JIMENEZ,** Dominican Rep.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

Names	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Johnny Boudreaux	2/73	7	7	0	0	4
Houston, Texas						
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
James Scott	1/74	7	7	0	0	4
Newark, N.J.						
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Eddie Gregory	9/72	9	7	1	1	5
Brooklyn, N.Y.						
WELTERWEIGHT						
Carlos Alvarez	11/73	4	4	0	0	4
Uruguay						
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Enrique Solis	5/73	8	6	2	0	2
Puerto Rico						
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Alfonso Euzebio	11/73	4	4	0	0	1
Argentina						
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Deusdete Vasconcellos	1/74	3	3	0	0	0
Colombia						
FLYWEIGHT						
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Argentinian a peg into sixth position.

In the light heavyweight class, Chris Finnegan, who was taken out recently by John Conteh in six rounds, has been dropped from the ratings. This is a personal tragedy of considerable magnitude. Finnegan was accounted a contender for Foster's title until there was a showdown between them and Chris, as game as they come, was beaten unmercifully. He slipped from then on.

In the middleweight class, the WBC organized a squabble by announcing that Carlos Monzon no longer was the champion. The Ring has refused to listen.

Examination of the lightweight class reveals that Esteban De Jesus, who not so long ago announced his retirement, following his KO by Roberto Duran, the world champion, still appears as the No. 2 contender behind Ken Buchanan.

It appears that DeJesus has not retired, after all. He may recognize his physical growth and fight as a junior welter.

Veteran promoter George Parnassus was feted recently on his 78th birthday in Los Angeles. Among those on hand to pay their respects to Parnassus (second from left) were Everett Sanders, former chairman of the California Athletic Commission, film star George Raft and Alex McDonald, former San Francisco promoter.

Ring Camera Clicks

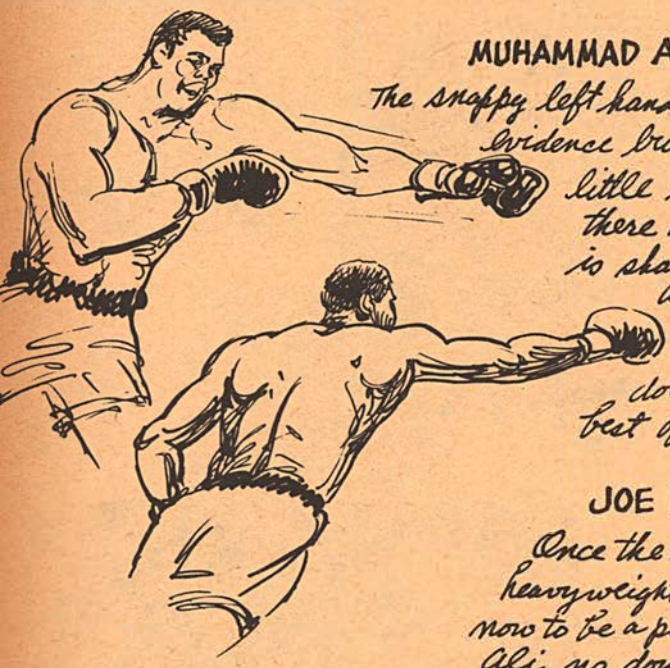
(Left) Antonio Puddu of Italy carries Scotland's Ken Buchanan around the ring after the latter won the European lightweight title from Puddu via a six-round knockout in Cagliari, Italy. (Above) Former world junior lightweight king Flash Elorde (right) engages in a sparring session in his private gym in Manila recently. It is said that Elorde plans a ring comeback.

Masako Takatsuki (right), is a 27-year-old Japanese Girl who sells cosmetics during the day in Tokyo and spars with and trains young boxers at night.

(Above) Jack (Kid) Berg, (right) former world junior welterweight king, affectionately known as the Whitechapel Whirlwind during his palmy days, playfully spars with old friend Frank Allnutt, Ring correspondent in Toronto. (Right) Jose Luis Garcia (left) mixes it up with Charley Atlas in Oklahoma City. Garcia stopped Atlas in six rounds.

SIZING UP THE TOP HEAVYWEIGHT CONTENDERS

BY BILL GALLO

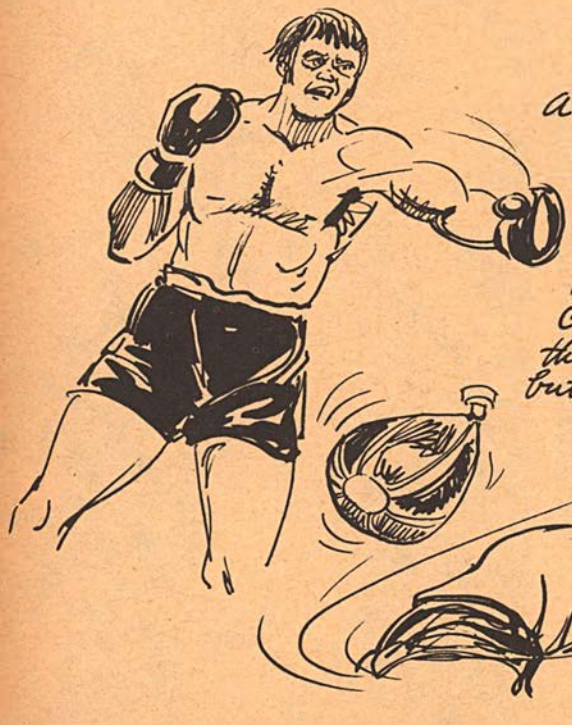


MUHAMMAD ALI

The snappy left hand is still in evidence but it takes a little longer to get there. The right is sharp but it never was a stopper. Not the same old Ali (who is?). Slowed down but still the best of the pack.

JOE FRAZIER

Once the relentless, aggressive heavyweight champ, appears now to be a plodder. Foreman and Ali, no doubt, took a lot out of him but still a big hitter and can beat all but two of the heavyweights. That is, if he ever fights again(?)



JERRY QUARRY

A puzzle - has all the talent but has had bad fights - Ali seems to have the whammey on him and he fell asleep against clumsy Leo. Chuvalo. When he's right, he can beat almost anybody. An expert counter-puncher with the left hook. Today he's right, but tomorrow, who knows?

RON LYLE

Stand-up banger with good left hook. Tough guy but can be outboxed. Bit on slow side and age not on his side.

KEN NORTON

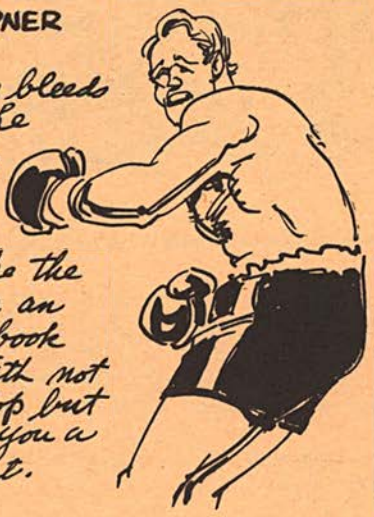
Busy, good boxer. Left good-has all the punches and throws in combinations. Had a future but forgot all he knew against Foreman.

OSCAR BONAVENA

Throws punches from left field. A clumsy fighter but will give a good boxer trouble - Hits good with left hook. A strong body puncher.

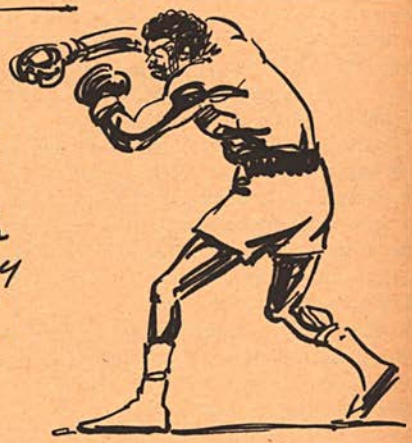
CHUCK WEPNER

Because he bleeds so easily, he comes out of a winning fight looking like the loser. He's an out-of-the book fighter with not much wallop but he'll give you a tough fight.



LARRY MIDDLETON

Boxer, not much power except fair right hand. Busy fighter who back-pedals and can counter.

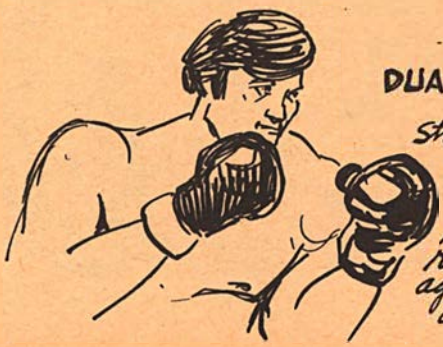


HENRY CLARK

Good boxer, speed afoot, has all the moves. Can't dent anything but can make you look bad. Big minus is his 32 years.

JOE BUGNER

Good boxer but not much of a puncher - Takes punches well. Never says die and gives you 3 solid minutes of fighting every round.

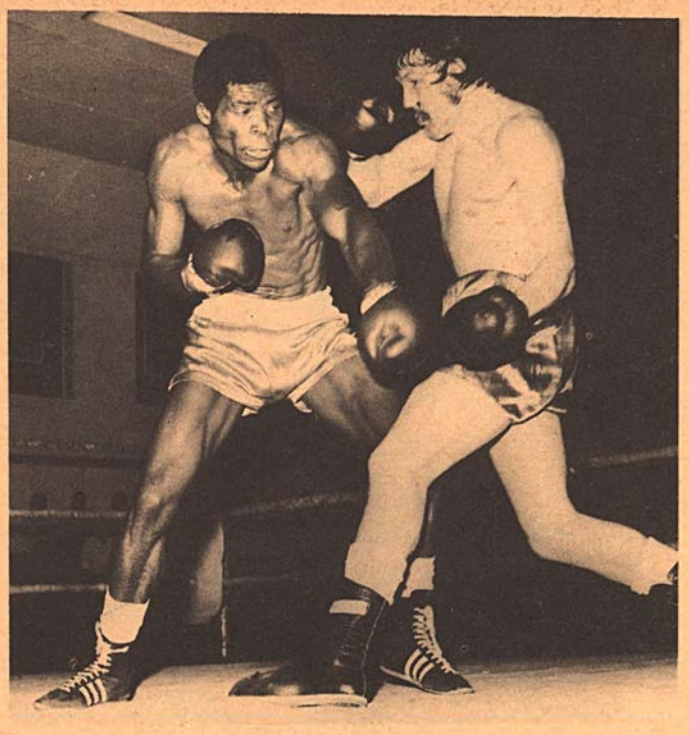


DUANE BOBICK

Straight up boxer with the makings but now is ready to be really tested against "name" opponents.

ZAMBIA FIGHT RESULTS IN TRAGEDY FOR HOME CHAMP

By TERENCE MUSUKU



Hugo Chansa (left) mixes it up with Don McMillen in the second round.

KITWE, Zambia – Professional boxing in this 10-year-old independent African country has been plunged in a state of confusion coupled with uncertainty – call it utter chaos. This stems from the shuddering ring tragedy of Hugo Chansa, hitherto, undefeated Zambian middleweight champion.

Chansa, who was in his early 20's, died an awful death, the culmination of a fifth round technical KO during his first interbout against Scottish middleweight 'king' Don McMillan. The 10-rounder was staged by Zambian promoter Pius Kakungu at the Rokana Club, Kitwe.

Chansa's fate was stunningly dramatic. It all happened in the 50th second of the fifth round; A lethal right from nowhere sent him sagging on fours, in a tottering state. Referee Paddy Linnane of Zambia counted him out, and pronounced McMillan as the winner on TKO.

Instinctively, Chansa "fought" hard to regain consciousness. He managed to rise up to his corner, but collapsed. He died in Nkana Hospital six hours later.

Until the fateful fifth round, Chansa had evenly exchanged punches of all sorts with McMillan, a 35-year-old boxer-puncher with more than 50 bouts during his 11-year boxing career. Chansa, a rugged fighter in his own right, seemed to have been leading on points in the first and second rounds.

He caught a real tartar in McMillan. Midway of the third round McMillan suddenly unleased a right hook. Chansa who had weighed 160 as opposed to McMillan's 164 went reeling across the ring.

Chansa received another equally damaging right in the fourth round and was given a mandatory eight count. That punch, as was observed, marked the beginning of his end. The last fifth-round assault by McMillan was simply a fight-ending formality.

How and the manner in which Chansa died left a lot of questions unanswered. Since then boxing in Zambia as a sport has come under fire from different people of different organizations, including some members of Parliament.

Some knowledgeable boxing personalities have suggested that boxing in Zambia should be banned forthwith until the Zambian Boxing and Wrestling Board of Control (ZBWB) has among its members people who are shrewd and well conversant with boxing rules.

Allegations have also been made that Chansa entered the ring unexamined

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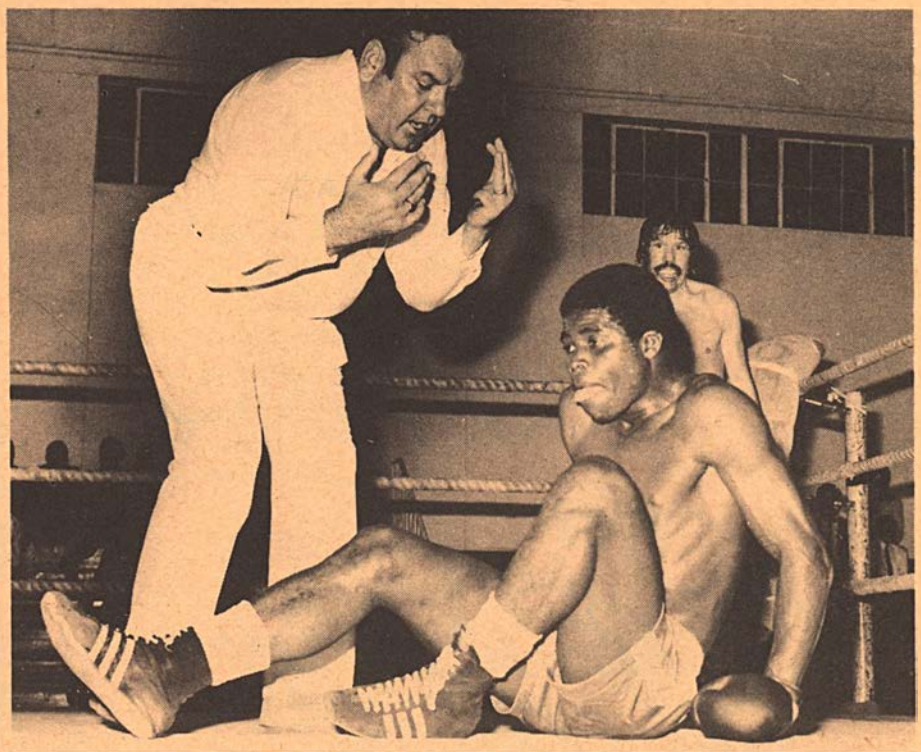


Chansa listens to referee Paddy Linnane's count after being floored in round two. He was knocked out in the fifth, collapsed and died six hours later in a hospital.

UNITED STATES RING RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
*Muhammad Ali, Cherry Hill, N.J.
1–Joe Frazier, Philadelphia, Pa.
2–Jerry Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
3–Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
4–Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
5–Chuck Wepner, Bayonne, N.J.
6–Larry Middleton, Baltimore, Md.
7–Boone Kirkman, Seattle, Wash.
8–Henry Clark, San Francisco, Calif.
9–Duane Bobick, Minneapolis, Minn.
10–Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
*Len Hutchins, Detroit, Mich.
1–Richie Kates, Philadelphia, Pa.
2–Alvaro Lopez, Stockton, Calif.
3–Jesse Burnett, San Diego, Calif.
4–Mike Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
5–Eddie Jones, Los Angeles, Calif.
6–Vinnie Curto, Miami Beach, Fla.
7–James Scott, Newark, N.J.
8–Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, N.Y.
9–Angel Oquendo, Puerto Rico
10–Ray Elson, New York, N.Y.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Tony Licata, New Orleans, La.
1–Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
2–Willie Monroe, Philadelphia, Pa.
3–Emile Griffith, New York, N.Y.
4–George Cooper, Oakland, Calif.
5–Vito Antuofermo, Brooklyn, N.Y.
6–Rudy Robles, Los Angeles, Calif.
7–Dave Love, San Diego, Calif.
8–Eddie Gregory, Brooklyn, N.Y.
9–Leo Saenz, Baltimore, Md.
10–Mike Baker, Spartanburg, S.C.

WELTERWEIGHTS
*Hedgemon Lewis, Detroit, Mich.
1–Angel Espada, Puerto Rico
2–Eddie Perkins, Chicago, Ill.
3–Alvin Anderson, Baltimore, Md.
4–Billy Lloyd, Philadelphia, Pa.
5–Cuby "Top Cat" Jackson, Detroit, Mich.
6–Ray Seales, Seattle, Wash.
7–Sandy Torres, Puerto Rico
8–Billy Backus, Syracuse, N.Y.
9–Art Kettles, Asbury Park, N.J.
10–Pete Ranzany, San Francisco, Calif.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
*Hector Matta, Puerto Rico
1–Miguel Barreto, Puerto Rico
2–Monroe Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.
3–Tony Petronelli, Taunton, Mass.
4–Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
5–Victor Ortiz, Puerto Rico
6–Johnny Copeland, Springfield, Mo.
7–Norman Goins, Indianapolis, Inc.
8–Doc McClendon, Paterson, N.J.
9–Dale Hernandez, Omaha, Nebr.
10–Al Scooter Meza, Kennwick, Wash.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
1–Ray Lampkin, Portland, Ore.
2–Angel Mayoral, Las Vegas, Nev.
3–Jimmy Heair, Los Angeles, Calif.
4–Edwin Viruet, New York, N.Y.
5–Miguel Mayon, San Diego, Calif.
6–Ray Lunny III, San Francisco, Calif.
7–Brooks Byrd, Clovis, N.M.
8–Tim Blue Walker, Washington D.C.
9–Mike Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
10–Hector Medina, Puerto Rico

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Tyrone Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
1–Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico
2–Sammy Goss, Trenton, N.J.
3–Jose Fernandez, New York, N.Y.
4–Walter Seeley, Sayville, N.Y.
5–Hector Diaz, New York, N.Y.
6–Dom Monaco, Brooklyn, N.Y.
7–Frankie Otero, Miami, Fla.
8–Hector Pena, Dallas, Texas
9–Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico
10–Hector McBride, Tampa, Fla.

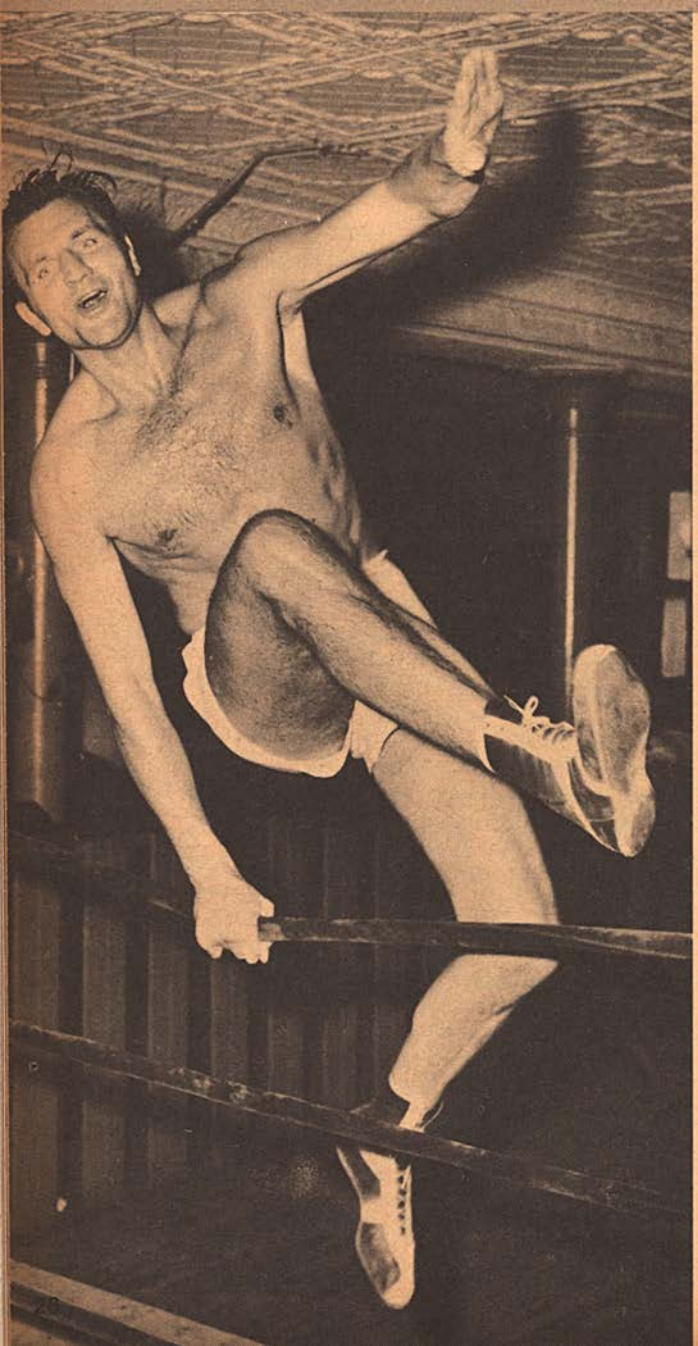
FEATHERWEIGHTS
*Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
1–Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.
2–Santos Luis Rivera, Puerto Rico
3–Ronnie McGarvey, Baltimore, Md.
4–Carlos Perez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5–Ernesto Vann, Albuquerque, N.M.
6–Pedro Guzman, New York, N.Y.
7–Luis Davila, Puerto Rico
8–Ray Hall, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
9–Norman Parra, San Diego, Calif.
10–Gustavo Briceno, Puerto Rico

BANTAMWEIGHTS
*Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico
1–Benny Rodriguez, Los Angeles, Calif.
2–Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
3–James Martinez, Dallas, Texas
4–Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.
5–Tony Rocha, San Antonio, Texas
6–Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
7–Francisco Rodriguez, Los Angeles, Calif.
8–Joe Guevara, Sacramento, Calif.
9–David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.
10–John Watson, Los Angeles, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS
*Tony Moreno, San Antonio, Texas
1–Bobby Holderfield, Little Rock, Ark.
2–Raul Rosete, Los Angeles, Calif.
3–Willie Jansen, Las Vegas, Nev.
4–Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
5–Alfonso Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
6–Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
7–Diego Martinez, Los Angeles, Calif.
8–Melvin Johnson, Clovis, N.M.
9–Arden Peralta, Phoenix, Ariz.
10–Rocky Garcia, San Antonio, Texas

*Champion

GERMAN BOXING STARTED IN BRITISH P.O.W. CAMP



By J. A. TREE

BERLIN, Germany—Germany's outstanding pre-war promoter, Walter Rothenburg, once said to me, "Promoters come and go but boxing will go on forever." During the last couple of years in this country, one began to wonder if this oldtimer's words of wisdom had any foundation.

Boxing here had been a sick patient and seemed doomed to a natural death. Now the sport is picking up again and the situation is brighter. Unexpected recovery is possible. However, it will be a long time, if ever, that German boxing will recapture the post war boom it enjoyed around 1947 and the years that followed.

Looking back over the years prior to World War II, we find there was only one outstanding promoter at the helm and that of course was Rothenburg. Of course he had more material to fall on than the promoters of today.

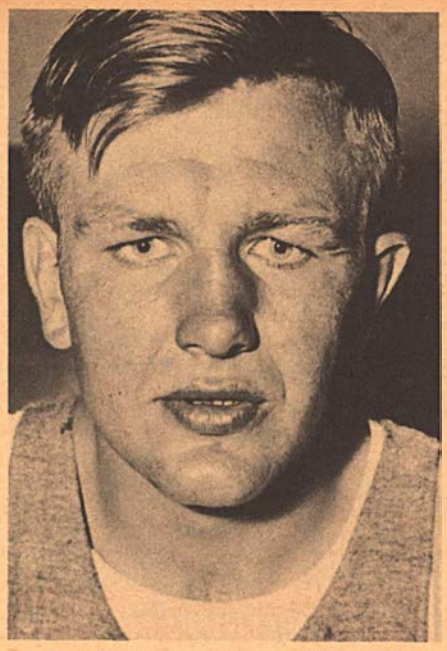
If you ask the present day youngster in the street how and when did German boxing get started, the first word to leave his mouth will begin with Max Schmeling.

They will tell you it all started in the 30's when the Max beat Joe Louis, but it is doubtful if they can tell you from whom the 'Black Uhlan' won the world heavyweight prize. Everyone remembers Max for his defeat of the 'Brown Bomber,' the 'Sensation des Jahrhunderts' they will continue. Locals know that Schmeling was world champion. But that he won the crown on June 12th, 1930, on a disqualification against Jack Sharkey in round four, is only known to the veterans.

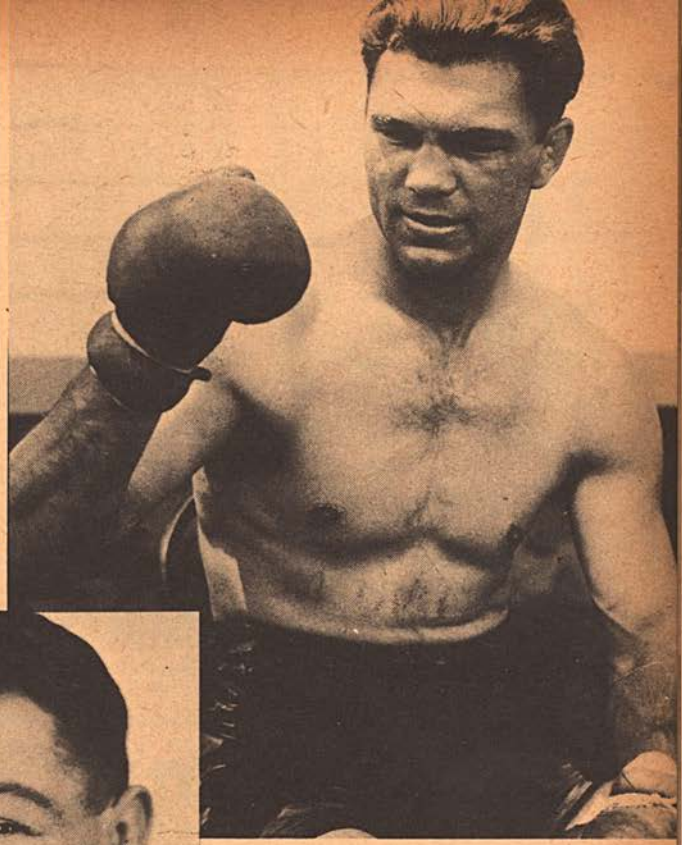
Boxing in Germany did not start with Max Schmeling or Walter Neusel in the 1930's. It goes back to 1899 when the first boxing programme was staged in Hamburg. Boxing was taught in most gymnasiums but the police authorities forbade professional cards in public. It was not until the first amateur championships were held in 1912 that boxing make a breakthrough, but even then profesional national titles were not instigated until seven years later in 1919.

Most of the pioneers of German boxing learned their trade

Hein ten Hoff, onetime European heavyweight king, is shown here jumping into ring while training.



Walter Neusel (left) and Max Schmeling (right) were the two stalwarts of German heavyweight boxing in the pre-World War II days, with Schmeling, of course, being the only German to gain the world heavyweight crown.



in a POW camp named 'Knockaloe' on the Isle of Man during the First World War where they boxed daily with the British.

Hans Breitenstrater, Kurt Prenzel and Arthur Koch were three of the old timers who returned to Germany as 'pupils of the British school.'

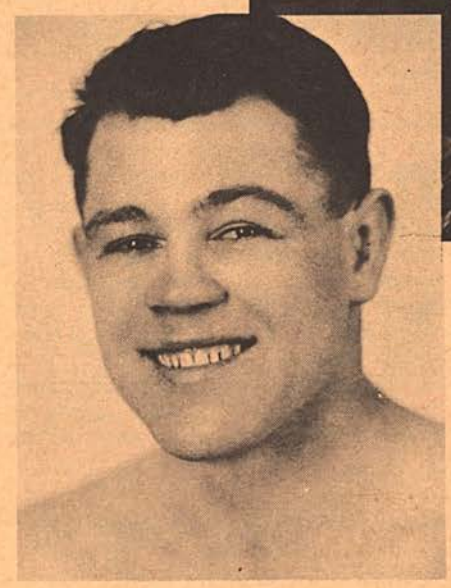
Another German heavyweight, Paul Samson-Korner, born on Nov. 13, 1887, went to America before the first war and boxed throughout the states, meeting such prominents as Gene Tunney and Harry Greb.

Against Tunney in 1920, he lost on points over ten rounds but the German fought most of the bout with a troublesome knee. Tunney went on of course, to win the world crown. The match with Greb, also over ten frames, received a 'No decision' tag and took place a year earlier in Pittsburgh. Samson-Kroner returned to Germany in 1922 and boasted of his bouts with Tunney and Greb, only to be laughed at. It was not until Paul returned to the states and collected documentary evidence of his success that is was accepted by his fellow Germans.

He was now 35 but in two years he won the German heavyweight title, beating 'Blonde' Hans Breitenstrater in Berlin. Samson-Korner boxed until he was 40. On August 22nd, 1942, he died in an accident.

Otto Flint, born in Hamburg on March 1st, 1893, was the first heavyweight champion of Germany, winning the crown in 1919. He held the national middleweight title back in 1911 when he beat Paul Mond in two rounds in Berlin on November 7th.

Breitenstrater, born near Magdeburg on Feb. 9th, 1897, travelled the world over as a sailor, and apart from learning



Adolf Heuser, another fine pre-war boxer, who gained the European heavyweight title.

the trade in the Isle of Man prison camp, collected a great deal of knowledge about the game from his trips to the States. Hans started boxing in Germany in 1919 and met Otto Flint for the heavyweight title after only four contests. He lost on points. But, in a return on April 23rd, 1920, he kayoed Flint in five rounds to win the title.

The 'Blonde Hans' became involved in a couple of street accidents and died last year in Berlin. Rudy Unholz was another pioneer of the sport but was never seen in action in the Fatherland. He had a successful career in the states and in South Af rica.

The first national champions in Germany were: heavy, Otto Flint, 1919; light heavy, Willi Buckzun, 1921; middle, Paul Mond, 1911; welter, Ernst Grimm, 1923; light, R. Naujocks, 1919; feather, Fritz Rolauf, 1919; Bantam, Willi Manke, 1921 and flyweight, Erich Kohler, 1922.

Schmeling's popularity was brought

Karl Mildenberger, the southpaw, who went 12 rounds with Muhammad Ali before succumbing.

about by a victory over Hein Domgorgen in 1927, who was one of Germany's most outstanding middleweights. Max, of course, developed into a heavyweight and the remainder of the story of his success is common knowledge. Germany has been

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PUNCH LINES

A BOOST FOR FELIX

BARNEY FELIX has retired as a referee. He had made the grade. He came up from the ranks. . .boxer, second, trainer, coach and thence referee. A retired school teacher, recreation supervisor and coach, Barney did not take advantage of his official status with the various boxing commissions by accepting a position with any of the many liquor firms. These jobs paid much more than a teacher's salary. Making men out of boys was certainly a business one could look upon with satisfaction as the years of "dusk" comes settling in.

He .was busy all of those 40 years of boxing assignments doing just that, making men out of boys. His stamping grounds were the public school gymnasiums, settlement houses, community centers, military academies and most everywhere you could find a growing boy trying to hold his own. His work has been highly satisfying and quite successful . . . especially when he reads about one of his kids making the grade. And he set a good example, one of his sons, Harvey, is an attorney with the Internal Revenue Service and Arthur has a doctorate in chemistry and is well established with the Roche-Hoffman Laboratories.

Jack Nicholas
New York, N.Y.

DURAN AND NO TITLE FIGHTS

I see by the papers that Duran will fight 10 rounds in New York, again with his lightweight title not at stake.

I saw Duran lose a ten round no-title fight to DeJesus in the Garden in N.Y. I saw Duran fight DeJesus in Panama and win by a KO in the 11th.

The Duran of N.Y. did not resemble the Duran of Panama. Nor did the DeJesus of the Garden show the lack of condition which weakened him in Panama.

Duran should not be allowed to fight non-title, for his own good.

After he had been beaten by DeJesus, non-title, he explained to his supporters, "No train."

Duran owes it to the fight public and to Panama to train hard for every contest and he should not be encouraged to give training only the once over for any fight in which he figures.

John Delacorte
Bogota, Colombia

HE LIKES FOREMAN

. I watched the Foreman-Norton fight on T.V. I noticed several interesting things. I saw, as everyone else did, that Foreman hits with jarring force and power. I saw flashes of the great defensive fighter Jack Johnson as Foreman picked off punches in mid air. I watched Foreman use a little shuffle to cut the ring practically in half every time Norton tried to circle around the ring. This gave Norton very little room to move in.

The above mentioned things spell trouble for Ali. I think it would be wise for Ali if he would consider asking the promoters and the commissioners to extend the apron of the ring because this is one place he will be able to operate in safety. I am going to suggest to the promoters that they bill this fight between Foreman and Ali as a five round fight because it won't go beyond that round.

Henry Depolo
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

WHAT ABOUT SANDY SADDLER?

Willie Pep was a great fighter. He just has issued a book to prove it. A lot of excitement and publicity.

But what about Saddler? He, too, was a great fighter. He was greater than Pep. Willie beat Saddler once and Saddler beat him three times.

Why not run a story about Saddler, who deserves a better break.

I know that The Ring is fair and has no ax to grind at any time and in any situation.

Give Saddler the honors that belong to him. Give Pep his.

James Washington
Washington, D.C.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ZAIRE?

The promoters of the Foreman-Ali fight have made a wise choice in picking Kinshasa in Zaire for the September fight.

It will be the greatest congress of black men in the history of the world. It is only just that this contest should be held in the heart of Africa, whence the ancestors of our American Negroes were stolen and forced into slavery.

The fight will mark a 1974 demonstration of independence.

Americans finally will see a TV version of a fight which lay beyond their desires and means to see in live state.

This battle would drive the fight fans of South Africa crazy but the authorities say no. However, we have had Foster and Fourie and the day when there will be world heavyweight title fights in Joburg is fast approaching.

Raphael Grandy
Johannesburg, S.A.

WHY GO TO ZAIRE?

I understand that George Foreman is prevented, by legal considerations, from fighting in the United States. The dope is that Dick Sadler oversold him as a contender and now Foreman cannot meet U.S. claims on his earnings, perhaps until after the five million bonanza is available.

If the U.S. is barred, why not hold the fight in Mexico City? We have an Olympic stadium and a fight crazy public.

Taking this fight to Zaire is ridiculous. I have been in Zaire and the idea of taking this fight there is so funny to me I just will not believe it until the fighters enter the ring. Even then, I will not believe it.

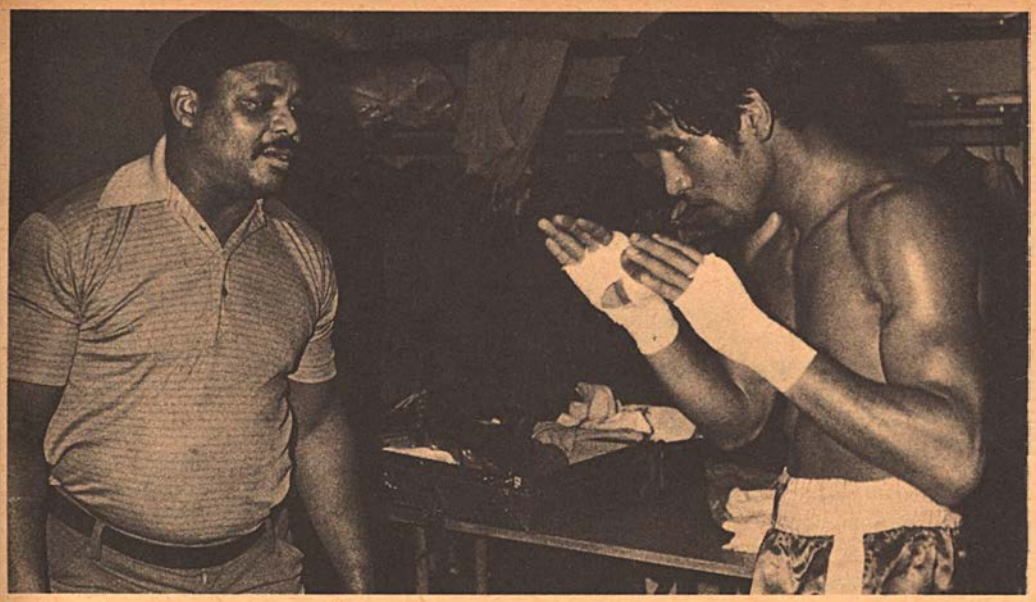
Mexico City is a wonderful place for any big fight. It is not too late to make the correction.

Miguel Jorge Garcia
Mexico City

RING'S ANNUAL AWARDS QUESTIONED

Your Fight of the Year and Round of the Year in the March issue of Ring disappointed me. There was no doubt that George Foreman had to get the Fighter of the Year award, but how can you call the Foreman-Frazier mismatch the Fight of the Year? It was a one-sided affair in which Frazier never landed a blow. It lasted only 2 rounds and if you had to give this "fight" an award, why didn't you call it the "Massacre" of the Year? The same goes for your Round of the Year award. What was so good about the second round of the Foreman-Frazier "fight" when a fighter is pummelled into defeat without having the power to defend himself? A Fight of the Year and Round of the Year awards can only be given when two equally matched boxers battle.

Billy Honley
Bandburg, South Africa



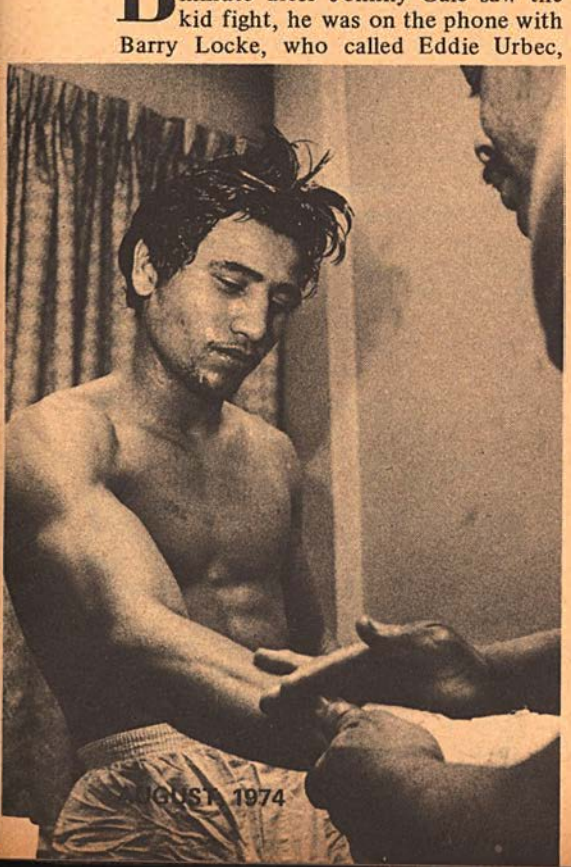
Trainer Terry Moore watches Leo (Kid) Saenz after taping his hands in the dressing room.

A closeup of Saenz, a very promis middleweight.

BALTIMORE SPOTS FUTURE STAR IN LEO (KID) SAENZ

By PHIL JACKMAN

BALTIMORE, Md. – No more than a minute after Johnny Gale saw the kid fight, he was on the phone with Barry Locke, who called Eddie Urbec, who called Peter Fuller, who called Eli Hanover, who called Barry Locke, who called Johnny Gale, who grabbed the kid and said, "Pack it up, we're heading East."



Saenz gets a bit of attention from his handler.

One misdial, wrong number or busy signal and Leo Saenz is back in Kalamazoo, Mich., probably in trouble. Thank you, Mr. Bell, wherever you are.

Think of all the good graduate George Foreman has done for the Job Corps while blasting his way to the heavyweight championship and, on a small scale, Saenz could end up doing the same for the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Launching his pro career in late April of 1973, Kid Saenz was 11-0 (eight knockouts) starting the new year and complaining to promoter Hanover he wasn't getting him enough fights.

Locke, Saenz's titular manager, tells the story of the mining of this middleweight "maybe:"

"Johnny Gale is my uncle by marriage. He's been watching fighters oh, two-three centuries, at least. He's a great judge of boxing potential.

"He took one look at Leo and figu he had all the ingredients to be champi He called me because he knows I kn people like (Massachusetts Boxing Co missioner and Olympic referee) Ur and (sportsman) Fuller from my d working for (ex-Bay State governor a Secretary of Transportation John) Vo in Boston."

Locke, a public affairs director for OEO, got in touch with his forn associates and they contacted Hanov saying if the kid had anything Eli wo see it in about 10 seconds.

"First night in the ring at my plac said Eli, in typically subdued fashion, went wild. The kid was a buzz-saw."

Johnny Gale's word really was eno as he had been sizing up talent from b inside and outside the ring for nearly years.

"That strikes you first about the ki says Gale, "Is you know he's in there (ring) to stay. Even when things a going his way, he's a damn sight be off than he was before."

And this is the real story of Leo (K Saenz. One of 10 children, half-Ind Leo and his brothers were migrant pic in the West and Southwest until his fat got the notion to move to a factory jo Michigan.

"We picked anything that nee picking," he recalls. "We all slept in same bed and there were days when th was nothing to go around. Someone t something of yours, there's a fight it's for keeps, or until someone q Guys out in the field didn't quit quickly."

Not against a kid in his mid-te anyway.

"I wanted to turn pro for a

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Q's & A's

Question Askers, Please Observe This Request

THE Ring is delighted to answer boxing questions. But if a personal answer is required the inquirer is asked to enclose a stamped envelope.

What with a remarkable rise in reader interest and the increase in postal rates, The Ring finds it necessary to ask inquirers to observe this request.

Q. Was Nat Fleischer ever a fighter.

Arthur Friendlander
Sacramento, Cal.

A. **Fleischer had one fight, as an amateur. It was at the Boys Club in New York. He was knocked out and was convinced that it was easier to write fights than to contest them. His fights were for law and order, for the right.**

Q. Who was on the under card at the second Louis Schmeling fight? I recollect Kettles and Brescia and nobody else.

Francisco Gomez
Tampa, Fla.

A. **We have the poster for that card hanging on the office wall and it says that the pairings were Brescia vs. Kettles; Bad Boy Bray vs. Simon, Carmen Barth vs. Harry Balsamo; Dave Clark vs. Bud Mignault, Bill Poland vs. Gene Bonin.**

Q. Has Jerry Quarry ever fought Muhammad Ali?

Harry Kraal
Pittsburgh, Pa.

A. **Muhammad Ali beat Quarry twice. KO 3 in Atlanta, KO 7 in Las Vegas.**

Q. What is a solar plexus punch? I read about it in the story of the Fitzsimmons-Corbett fight.

Corny Gross
Stockton, Calif.

A. **The solar plexus punch is a blow to the pit of the stomach. Could paralyze the victim briefly.**

Q. Do you recollect two brothers fighting in the same period, like Jerry and Mike Quarry.

Rose Lee
Sacramento, Cal.

A. **Yes. The Twin Sullivans, the Attells, the Leonards, the current Viruets, the current Clays, current Bobicks and the Crosses.**

Q. I have searched all over my map of Africa and find no nation called Zaire. How come?

Will Dougherty
Missoula, Mont.

A. **Zaire is one of the new nations created within the last dozen years. Your map is out of date.**

Q. I find, in Jack Johnson's record, a 20-round defeat by Marvin Hart. So Marvin could not have been a stiff.

George Crawley
Boston, Mass.

A. **There's considerable doubt whether Johnson was going all out in that particular contest.**

Q. I was in England recently and in the pubs I found that Henry Cooper is rated the greatest heavyweight in British fistic history. Could Henry have beaten Bombardier Wells? Pubs said "Yes."

Compton Adams
Chapel Hill, N.C.

A. **It is very likely that the Bombardier's glass jaw would have made the job not a very tough one.**

Q. I am related to a New York fighter of many years ago. His name was Joe Bernstein. What was his record? Was Joe any good?

Harry Bernstein
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. **Joe Bernstein was a hard puncher and a good fighter. You may boast about the relationship.**

Q. I have been hunting high and low for the record of Jack Munroe, who fought Jim Jeffries twice. I find it impossible to locate his record. Can you give me the dope?

Lenny Smith
Butte, Mont.

A. **Munroe had no real fight record. His first meeting with Jeffries was only an exhibition. In his second appearance with Jeff. Munroe was knocked out. Previous to the exhibition he had a few fights with other copper miners in Butte. Munroe had a fine war record with the Princess Pats of Canada. He was a football star on Marcus Daly's Butte team.**

Q. Could you spot these places on an old New York map—Harry Hill's, Atlantic Garden and the Broadway A.C.?

Joe Keteltes
Boston, Mass. (age 90)

A. **Hill's was on Houston Street when 14th Street was the Northern limit of the theatre district. Atlantic Garden was on the Bowery next to the Thalia Theatre. Broadway A.C. was on Broadway and Fourth Street. Pop, you never would know those locales now.**

Q. I am writing a book about Terry McGovern. You have stated that his recorded KO over Joe Gans in Chicago, was a fake. Do you have the goods on McGovern?

John L. McCrary
Boston, Mass.

A. **It is generally accepted that the so-called fight was a fake. Boxing was nearly murdered in Chicago by the hoax. Gans needed money and McGovern could not fight off the temptation to get a KO over Joe into his record. I believe that the files of Chicago newspapers will back up the fake story. The La Motta fake against Billy Fox is the only one which has been admitted by one of the fighters, unless you accept Johnson's signed confession of faking the Williard fight, which is generally discredited as a product of Jack's money hunger.**

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

THEY rolled the red carpet out for an ex-pugilist, Frankie O'Brien, when the Connecticut Boxing Guild held its 26th annual dinner at Valle's Steak House in Hartford, Conn. The memory will linger long with the jam-packed crowd and the numerous celebrities. O'Brien was picked as the man of the year.

Memories of the past were recalled when we were invited to join and help celebrate the occasion by Vice-President Vito Tallarita. . .Vito, a real boxing buff in the Nutmeg State, matchmaker for the clubs operating in Hartford and Waterbury and also dabbles in boxers as a manager, his headliner being light heavyweight Eddie Owens.

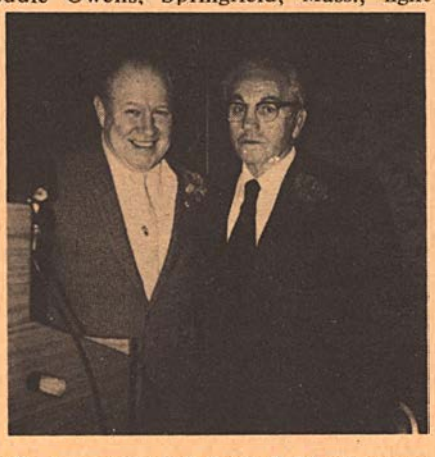
The Connecticut Boxing Club, organized in 1948 to promote the best interest in boxing, in honoring O'Brien, were paying respects to the honored guest did themselves proud in selecting Frankie O'Brien, the man who almost became champion of his division when he lost a closely waged duke to Gorilla Jones, claimant of the middleweight crown, and had battled other sturdy gladiators of his day like Harry Ebbetts, the "blond tiger" from Freeport, and others and who was managed by the late Arthur Carter.

We've seen many gatherings in the past but this one, with the entire O'Brien clan, wife, children and grandchildren present, was outstanding. . .With the town's famous celebs, including the Mayor, the show, following the dinner, was ably handled by the popular radio MC, from Station WTIC, Bob Steele, and it was a fast moving affair. . .On the dais were Willie Pep and Bat Battalino, two great ex-126 pound champs, as well as long time famous sports newspapermen, Bill Lee, of the Hartford Courant, and San Cohen, likewise well known from the Bridgeport Herald, Cus D'Amato, only manager ever to have a two time heavyweight king in Floyd Patterson, as well as other local luminaries including the woman who is in charge of the boxing and wrestling activity on the Connecticut commission, Barbara Dunn.

It was one of the finest get togethers seen anywhere, a tribute to the hard work of the committee and the happiness it brought to Frankie O'Brien and his family. President Manuel M. Leibert, and the other officers, deserve encomiums, . . .We were happy to be there representing Ring Magazine and it made our heart warm watching O'Brien and his family react in the fine tribute extended to a former standout in boxing, who later in his career spent 15 years with the West Hartford Police before finishing his career with the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, where he retired in 1969. . .

It was a night never to be forgotten by the 62 year old Frankie O'Brien and his wonderful family. . .Missing was Dinny McMahon, who also managed O'Brien, unable to come. . .Glad we were there to report this great event staged in Hartford, Conn.

A bit more about Vito Tallarita, big wheel in the fistic game in Hartford. . . Recalls when he fought Willie Pep twice in the amateurs when they were both 110 pounders. . .Manager since 1946. . .Star of his present scrapper, as we noted, is Eddie Owens, Springfield, Mass., light heavyweight. . .Managed the Tessier brothers, Andre and Herb. . .Recalls when in the service Vito fought as a pro for Al Caroly in West Palm beach. . .Tallarita is from Enfield, Conn., and his wife Lillian and himself are proud parents of four children—Louis, Vito, Carl and Bernadotte. . .Vito told us he's also been promoting since 1946. . .One swell man!



Radio personality Bob Steele (left) was among those who honored Frankie O'Brien.

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Tomas Bosa, originally from Puerto Rico, now associated with boxing, was the man who brought us to Hartford and back. . .Bosa, now 40, has been a manager and trainer of boxers for ten years. . . Tomas, who, with his wife Ada, made the trip to the O'Brien affair, have three children, Elizabeth 14, Christine 9 and Frankie 5. . .Besides his work as a cab driver in New York, Tomas, who manages Benny Huerta, Puerto Rican junior welterweight, Chris Fernandez, Santa Domingo junior welter, and Victor Baerga, Puerto Rican junior welter, also travels around the world for Dewey Fragetta booking representative for International Managers, and Bosa gets many fights as well for his fighters through his affiliation with Fragetta.

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Jack Dempsey was visiting in London with his pal, Jean Paul Getty, at the same time greeting his many friends in England and France.

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While visiting with the good folks in Hartford we ran into a real old friend from the boxing game. . .His name William Taylor. . .Chief of referees for the State of Connecticut, who has been a ring arbiter for a span of 45 years. . .Taylor years ago tried to put over a plan whereby officials would have a code of signals for a fight, informing the fans when a boxer has been penalized for a foul. . . Didn't have too much time to talk to Taylor while the festivities for Frankie O'Brien were on but know he has been part and parcel of the boxing game and had once been a sparring partner of Sammy Mandell, one time lightweight king. . .Despite his advanced years, Mr Taylor is as enthusiastic as ever about the boxing game and has a host of friends stretching from the Eastern to the Western shores.

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One of Broadway's legendary humans who started as an actor, then became known as a famous tailor and a man who knew many of the greats of fistiana is Earl Benham, who was 88 years young last April 15 and is now retired but still re-living ye olden days in nostalgia. . . Benham, who now lives at the New York A.C. when in New York City, has probably known every celebrity of note from his

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"WATCH BOBICK CLOSELY," SAYS ANGELO DUNDEE

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hardly household names," he said. "but they do enable me to study the many variations of styles. The only way I'm going to learn is to fight as many times as I can."

Fighting is something Bobick enjoys, if for no other reason than that's what he was forced to do while growing up in the Mathew Bobick family in Bowlus.

Duane was one of 12 boys, and it was a constant battle to keep up with his brothers. "Sibling rivalry was a big thing in our family," Duane said. "We were always the best in town and it was more important to beat our brothers in athletic contests rather than the other kids."

Mathew Bobick, a plasterer, and his wife, Rose, taught their boys to "go all out" in whatever endeavor they attempted.

"Dad was the greatest influence on my life, not only in sports but in growing up," said Duane. "You can't imagine the strain of trying to raise 12 boys, but Mom and Dad did a tremendous job. None of us ever wound up in trouble."

After a brief stopover at Moorhead State University in Minnesota (he quit after six weeks), Duane joined the Navy. There he actively pursued his boxing and soon became one of the top service heavyweights. Before his four years were up he won the All-Navy Championship three times; captured the All-Service title twice; was the two-time winner of the C.I.S.M. (Council International Sports Military Games); won the 1971 National AAU title; was the 1971 Pan-American Games champion; and was the 1972 National Golden Gloves heavyweight titlist.

Never had an amateur heavyweight received the attention Bobick did when the 1972 Olympic Games rolled around. No one, the experts agreed, had a chance to stop the highly-touted Bobick, who carried a 61-bout winning skein into the Munich competition.

However, Bobick's glory soon turned into a nightmare.

His first win was against Russia's Yuri Nesterov and Bobick came away with a severely swollen eye. Two days later he was scheduled to fight his old nemesis, Teofilo Stevenson of Cuba, a fighter Bobick had unanimously decisioned a year earlier in the Pan-American Games in Cali, Columbia.

On the morning of that bout, the Israeli team massacre occurred and terror and pandemonium ruled the Games. Bobick witnessed activities from his dormitory room, and was a disturbed young man when he showed up at the boxing arena more than five hours before his match started.

"I was pretty mixed up," he said. "The massacre bothered me considerably and there was talk that the Games were going to be suspended. I really never knew what time my bout with Stevenson was scheduled to begin, or I would have never gone to the arena that far ahead of time."

What happened in that bout shocked the boxing world. The much-improved Stevenson completely dominated the match and early in the fight closed Bobick's previously damaged eye. His other eye began to close and Bobick was fighting like a blind man. In the final round Bobick was decked and the referee halted the fight.

"Of course, I'll never forget that fight, but it could have been the best thing that ever happened to me," Duane later said. "With all the attention I was getting I began to feel unbeatable. I had offers to turn pro that you wouldn't believe. When I came back, though, all those money-men were nowhere around."

It's been a year and a half since that fateful day in Munich. Stevenson, who will always remain a stigma to Bobick, is still boxing as an amateur and says he will never turn professional. Bobick, meanwhile, is now trying to conquer a new goal.

"There is nothing more important to me than winning the heavyweight championship," he said. "It's something that I'm working very hard to achieve and I feel I've made great strides in that direction already. I'm going to take my time because to rush things now would be foolish."

By the way—there's a new Bobick in the picture now. Recently Duane married a pretty young coed from Arizona State University—Barbara Kipnes. She was an art major, but Duane says she's switched her studies.

"I'm her new project. That, plus boxing!"

BALTIMORE SPOTS FUTURE STAR IN LEO KID SAENZ

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time," said Saenz. Unfortunately, he didn't know how to go about it. "Three years I was an amateur champion in Michigan.

"But those dudes (the men handling him) weren't doing a thing for me. They never came to the gym. The only time they came around and talked to me is when they want me to fight. Johnny Gale walked in and watched me work on the bags one day. He talked real friendly like."

Then Gale made a bee-line for the telephone. That was February of 1973. Less than a month later they arrived at Locke's house in Potomac, Md., and, 30 days later, Leo was in the ring against trial horse Ivelaw Eastman of New York.

First night jitters on the part of Saenz allowed the veteran Eastman to negotiate five minutes.

A few more fights and, with Gale headed back to the midwest, veteran trainer Terry Moore took Saenz over. Since then the Kid's matches have resembled boxing matches, not waterfront rumbles.

In the ring, Saenz has the look of one of the wolves caged in a zoo. Afterwards, and at home with Locke's kids, he's like the family pet.

"It's amazing," says Barry, "the change that comes over him."

"It's no change," says the fighter. "That's what boxing is, serious business. I ain't got no friends in a fight."

And there was a time Leo lacked a friend outside the ring, too. He did a month for receiving stolen property and his 17-year old brother, whom Gale says may be even better than Leo, is presently free on $10,000 bail.

With a fresh start in the east, Leo doesn't worry or want to talk about the past, which is okay with Hanover:

"He wants action and I'm just the guy who will give it to him," says Eli, who puts the kid in every time he runs a show at the Baltimore Steelworkers Hall or downtown at the Civic Center.

"He's coming," testifies trainer Moore. "Wow, is he coming. He was doing too much learning with his chin earlier, but now he's moving on defense.

"There isn't much you can show him on attack. His instincts are all good there."

Fact is, he might be a little too aggressive, figuring the shortest distance to victory is right over the top of his opponent. In his sixth fight, he was in with an experienced stinger from Philadelphia and took a good pounding for three rounds.

He caught one punch in the fourth that would have dispatched most fighters or at least had them considering retirement. Leo just shook his head and kept coming.

"He thought about the alternative," said a ringsider, "going back out to the fields and pickin' apples or something and he knows there's no turning back. That's what it takes."

That's what Leo Saenz has.

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INSIDE THE ROPES *with* *Ruby Goldstein*

During the years 1972 and 1973 I had the distinct privilege of serving as president of the Veterans Boxing Association of Ring 8, New York. It consists of a bunch of wonderful guys associated directly or indirectly with boxing.

One of the organization's principal aims is to lend a helping hand should any problem be called to our attention. Just before the completion of my term of office I received a call from a retired boxer who was seeking my advice. He said that he lived just about 15 minutes from my home so I invited him over. My wife was going shopping and looking for bargains, if there are such things these days. That, of course, is at least a two hour job, so we would have ample time to discuss his problem. I never saw him in action but by from what I've heard he was a pretty fair fighter. He was still young and told me he gave up boxing when he felt he wasn't going anywhere. However, he told me that boxing was still in his heart, he would still like to be a part of it and felt that refereeing would be just right for him.

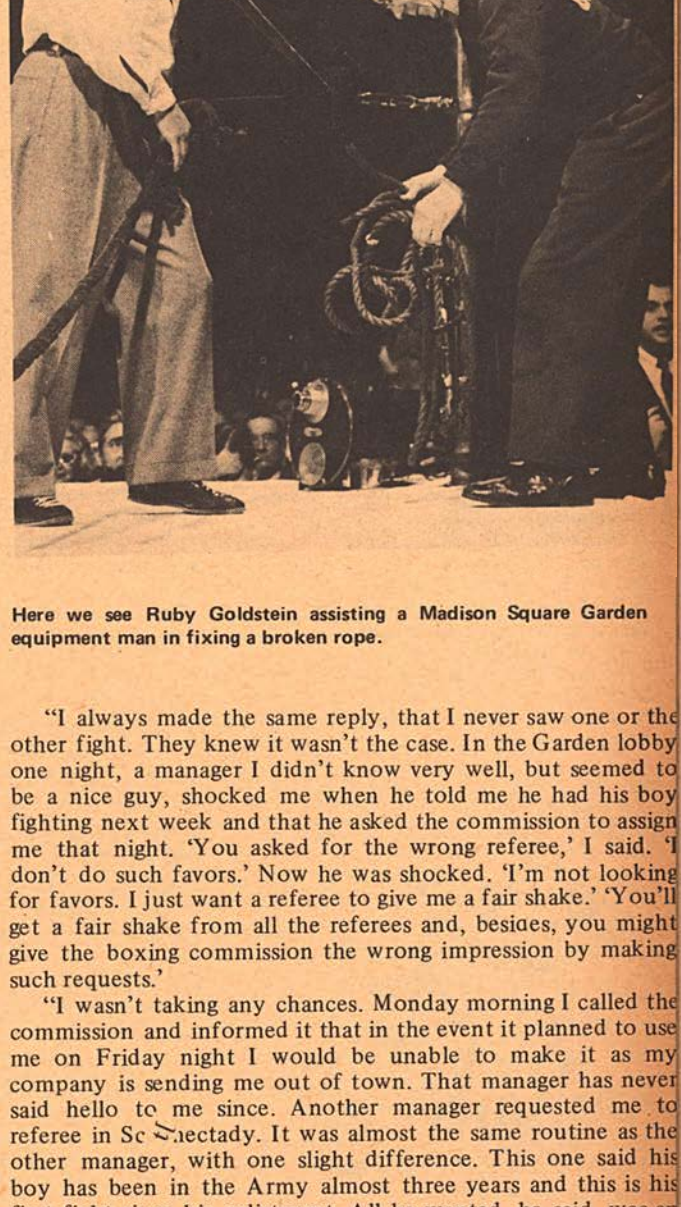
I wanted to put him at ease and didn't get serious immediately. I told him a couple of stories. Then in jest I remarked, "If you want to be a referee, are you certain you're doing the right thing? Do you know what you're letting yourself in for?" He smiled at this.

"Sometimes you get to referee important bouts, but perhaps I should not put it that way as any four-round fight is as important to a young boxer as a feature bout is to a headliner, but I'm sure you know what I mean. Refereeing can be heartwarming and it can be sickening at times. Mind you, I'm not downgrading it. If I was younger I'd still be doing it." He asked if I had the time for me to tell him of the trials and tribulations of the third man in the ring or maybe just this third man.

This prompted me to warn him that with such encouragement he wouldn't get a word in for the next hour. He smiled again. I'm sure his friends called him the Smiling Kid.

"I was always of the opinion that doing your part in the ring is not all that matters," I said. "Your conduct and associations outside are equally as important, if not more. One owes this to the people in boxing – fighters, managers, promoters, boxing writers and the boxing commission. I'm not looking for your sympathy as all this was brought on by myself. In looking back, I'm glad it was that way. But let me tell you it certainly can get lonely, particularly when, during the afternoon of a fight, I'm informed by the boxing commission that I'm to be one of the referees that evening. It's very unpleasant to have to shun old friends and acquaintances as well as strangers. Talk about hermits, I ran second to none. Only at home was I entirely comfortable.

"It is difficult to make a complete change for one who always loved to be around where the fight crew was. Hoping they would understand and forget was always my concern. Friday night fights at the Garden became a place to avoid due to a couple of embarrassing situations. One thing that always happened was someone coming up to me and asking, 'Who do you like tonight?'



Here we see Ruby Goldstein assisting a Madison Square Garden equipment man in fixing a broken rope.

"I always made the same reply, that I never saw one or the other fight. They knew it wasn't the case. In the Garden lobby one night, a manager I didn't know very well, but seemed to be a nice guy, shocked me when he told me he had his boy fighting next week and that he asked the commission to assign me that night. 'You asked for the wrong referee,' I said. 'I don't do such favors.' Now he was shocked. 'I'm not looking for favors. I just want a referee to give me a fair shake.' 'You'll get a fair shake from all the referees and, besides, you might give the boxing commission the wrong impression by making such requests.'

"I wasn't taking any chances. Monday morning I called the commission and informed it that in the event it planned to use me on Friday night I would be unable to make it as my company is sending me out of town. That manager has never said hello to me since. Another manager requested me to referee in Schenectady. It was almost the same routine as the other manager, with one slight difference. This one said his boy has been in the Army almost three years and this is his first fight since his enlistment. All he wanted, he said, was an

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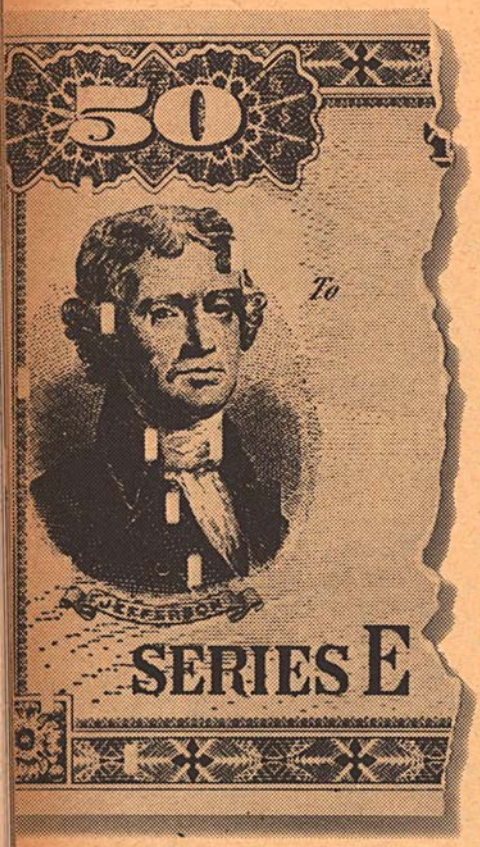

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NO CHANCE FOR MIDDLETON AGAINST REVIVED BONAVENA

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There was no change in the 8th and 9th. Bonavena continued to attack, while Larry was happy to hold on.

Middleton did the most damage in the 10th when he butted Oscar on top of the head. Referee Joe Bunsa warned him about this.

Ringo opened a cut over Larry's left eye in the 11th with one of the few right hands of the fight.

In the last round, Middleton tried to open his attack, but again he wasn't in the same league as the Argentinian belter.

Scoring of the contest was: Judge Harry Cecchini 60-50, Judge Larry Barrett 59-51 and Referee Bunsa 60-53, all for Bonavena. This writer had it 59-51 for Ringo.

After the bout both men went to the hospital for X-rays. Middleton, it was feared, had broken ribs while Bonavena had his left hand checked. X-rays on both men were negative.

Middleton was not disgraced, as he showed heart and the ability to take punishment. He failed to use his advantages of height and reach, and did nothing with the right hand offensively or defensively. It seems that fighters with the physical style of Lyle, Frazier and Bonavena give him trouble. He fares better with stand up guys such as Quarry and Ellis.

Capital Centre boxing club, under the direction of promoter Eli Hanover, put on a first class card which was as good or even better than Madison Square Garden, the mecca of boxing.

In the semi-final, Johnny Gant, 145, Washington, D.C. looked like a million dollars as he outpunched and jabbed slow-moving Mario Saurennann, 143½, Philadelphia over 10.

Potomac, Md. middleweight Leo (Kid) Saenz, 154½, made it 16-0 with an easy two-round kayo of veteran Juan Ramos, 152, New York.

Southpaw Ronnie McGarvey, 123, was given an unpopular eight-round nod over Santo Domingo's Jose Nunez. McGarvey was on the deck in the last round as the Dominican finished strong over the last three rounds. In a four-rounder, Philadelphia heavyweight Mike Montgomery decked local John Berry on the way to a decision.

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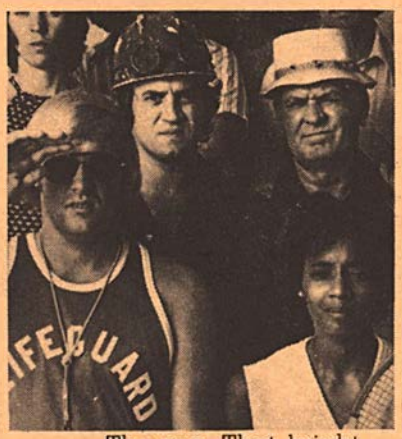

The sun. That bright and warm and healthy sun. Wrong. A day in the sun, working or playing, is no bargain at all. Skin cancer happens from the sun. Unless you're careful. Unless you care. Unless you take it easy and protect your skin. Cover yourself. Let the sun get to you very, very slowly.

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VALDES STOPS BRISCOE TO BECOME MONZON CHALLENGER

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Each fighter received $60,000.

The middleweight situation became all the more complicated by the Kevin Finnegan 15-round victory over Jean-Claude Bouttier in Paris.

Valdez would run second in the betting in a fight with Monzon.

It is believed that Valdez will go back to Colombia to fight a second-rater for the delectation of his home fans.

At Monte Carlo, Emile Griffith scored in the semi-final ten rounder when he got the decision over Renato Garcia of Chile.

Briscoe was coming along to take command in the seventh round. Then, of a sudden, came the right and the left and Bennie was sitting on the canvas, beaten. He hollered for a return match but if he gets one it will be some time in the future.

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RING WRESTLING

Mrs. Pat Barlow, the first woman judge of pro boxing in the state of Indiana.

MRS. PAT BARLOW NEW PRO FIGHT JUDGE IN INDIANA

By HAYDEN CROSS

NEW CASTLE, Ind. – Two boxing firsts were made in a pro fight card here.

The matches had Indiana's first woman judge. The fight also had its first black woman judge.

Pat Barlow, of Indianapolis, who set both firsts, is not impressed with the breakthrough of her sex and of her color.

She said, "I'm trying to fill a need. There is a definite demand for qualified boxing judges. When that bell rings, I'm not a woman and I'm not black, I'm a ringside judge."

Kelse G. McClure, administrative officer of the Indiana Athletic Commission, said she knows that rule book frontwards and backwards and can apply that knowledge to practical situations.

He said, "This gal has as fine a grasp of the regulations that govern boxing, both amateur and professional, as anyone I know. Indiana is lucky to have her on its staff of officials."

She always went to the Golden Glove fights and the pro bouts and was one of those loud-mouthed fans in the stands at every show.

Mike DeFabis, prominent Indiana AAU official and an Indianapolis deputy mayor, suggested she become involved with boxing as more than a rabid fan and gave her the AAU rulebook.

She immediately took it home and devoured it.

There were obstacles in her way though when she applied for a license and more than she believed were necessary. She doesn't believe she was discriminated against because she is a woman and is black but she does believe she had to do things other judges did not to get a license.

After she said she would like to qualify, the Indiana AAU said she would have to wait a year before she could be accepted. "I know the rulebook as well as anyone and there's no such so-called rule in there. Nobody else had to wait 12 months," she announced.

"The AAU also said anyone who didn't attend the clinics would be prohibited from officiating at the Indiana Golden Gloves in February. I went to all the clinics and I know who was there. Believe me, a lot of absentees worked during the Gloves as judges and referees."

PAT BARLOW

Once past the hurdles, Mrs. Barlow had no trouble obtaining her license to judge pro boxing.

She believes the pros are easier to judge than amateurs. "The pros go in and work and we mainly concentrate on giving points for effective blows. In the amateurs, we have to be conscious of so many other factors, including aggressiveness and sportsmanship, which may help determine the outcome in the event the fighters are equal," she explained.

She got a taste of boxing early. When she was six years old, her brother received a set of boxing gloves for Christmas and promptly slugged her in the mouth. She belted him back.

A kind of tomboy all her life, she is a good athlete, shooting golf in the 80s and bowling in the 160s.

Asked if she would let her eight-year-old son, Richard, fight when he gets older she said, "Sure, why not? Some people are opposed to boxing on the grounds it is too violent. I don't see it that way. It's an art, just like other contact sports."

Now that she is a professional boxing judge, she wants to upgrade the quality of scoring fights and improving boxing in general.

SHOULD THERE BE AN ASTERISK AFTER MARVIN HART'S NAME

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details. Construction began on an open-air amphitheatre on the east end of town which, when completed, could accommodate up to 6500 persons. Ticket prices, ranging from two to ten dollars, were announced by the end of May.

Both fighters sent forfeit money, $1,000 each, to Harry Corbett, a well-known San Francisco "sport". Corbett, the brother of Gentleman Jim, was also the stakeholder. For its part, the Reno Athletic Club put up a $2500 guarantee and paid the $1,000 license fee to the state.

The contenders began training in earnest. On June 9, Hart and his manager, Jack McCormick, established training quarters at the Reno Wheelmen's clubhouse. Hart stood just short of six feet tall and weighed about 215 pounds.

In the course of his rigorous and successful efforts to reach his normal fighting weight of 195, the amiable Marvin became a favorite of the local fans. Ladies with escorts were invited to watch him work out. While Hart was doing roadwork in mid-June, a rattlesnake would itself around his leg. The boxer coolly stepped on its head, uncoiled it, and killed it by throwing it against a tree.

On June 25, he served as official starter for a 55-mile relay race between the Wheelmen and the New Century Bicycle Club of San Francisco. He further endeared himself to Nevadans when he announced that he and McCormick intended to invest in a local mining venture (word had it that they had noticed some glittery stuff while doing roadwork northwest of Reno).

Root and his manager, Houseman, perhaps unwisely, decided to set up training quarters at Ogden Canyon, 12 miles north of Ogden, Utah. In hindsight, it was believed that he should have worked out in Reno and thereby adjusted to the climate and altitude as Hart had done.

The efforts of Egan and Livingston to associate Jeffries with the fight finally bore fruit when, on June 26, they announced that Jeffries had agreed, for a fee of $1,000, to referee. The retired champion then began the journey from his southern California home to Reno.

En route, at San Francisco, he told reporters emphatically that the public, not he, was the "final judge" of who was to become the new champion and he again insisted that he had no right to confer the title on anyone. He reiterated these sentiments when he reached Reno on July 1.

Jeff's arrival caused more of a stir in Reno than did that of Root, who also came to town on July 1. His weight, 175 pounds, and his height, five feet ten inches, led many observers to conclude that they had been correct in making the heavier, taller Hart the favorite. Root and Hart were the same age, both having been born in 1876.

The fight (which was part of a week-long Reno festival celebrating the inauguration of an irrigation project) took place as scheduled, on July 3. The sun was uncommonly hot and the crowd, estimated at 4000, suffered additionally by the failure of the bout to get underway on time. The action was supposed to have commenced at two o'clock; but it was not until 3:07 that the opening bell sounded.

Under the watchful eye of Jeffries, the fighters (who wore five-ounce gloves) gave the crowd a competent if not exciting display of fisticuffs for several rounds. Root succeeded in drawing blood from Hart's mouth in the third round. Otherwise the contest was more or less even—until the 12th. It was then that Hart slammed a "long right swing" into Root's body. Root collapsed to the canvas and Jeffries counted him out. Some reports described the blow as a solar plexus punch. It probably wasn't, yet ever since Fitzsimmons had felled Corbett with a body punch it had been fashionable to identify any haymaker to the mid-section as a solar plexus punch. Root said it was just a lucky blow and further soothed his ego by blaming the fierce sun for his failure to see Hart's fist coming towards his belly.

Financially, the fight had been successful for the promoters, who announced that they had made a profit. According to one report, Hart received $3250 and Root $1750.

Another story had it that the $5000 had been split evenly between the winner and the loser.

Tales that Jeffries' visits to the local gaming tables had cost him his $1000 fee—and more—were quickly circulated and quickly denied.

In any case Hart was indisputably the winner. But was he indisputably the new champion?

Contemporary newspaper accounts do not indicate that Jeffries publically presented the title to Hart. *Nor did Hart say he had definitely won the championship.*

In his remarks to reporters after the fight he took Jeffries' line, stating that it was up to the press and the public to decide the question and that they could support any claim he might have to the title after he had met and defeated all comers. Yet he announced that, like Jeffries before him, he was drawing the color line:

"I will fight any heavyweight in the world except niggers."

He justified his refusal partly on the grounds that he had already defeated Jack Johnson, the best of the black contenders. Johnson had previously issued a challenge to the winner of the Hart-Root bout. As was his custom, old John L. Sullivan had proclaimed a similar challenge. As usual it was ignored.

Hart's plan for gaining recognition by taking on all the challengers, or rather the all white ones, was sound enough, but executing it proved to be another matter.

On January 15, 1906, at Butte, Montana, he scored a two-round knockout over Pat Callahan in an exhibition match. Then came the downfall. He accepted a challenge from the relatively unknown Canadian, Tommy Burns. Like Root, Burns carried only 175 pounds, but his scrappiness and cleverness compensated for the lack of bulk.

Burns hammered out a decision over Hart in a 20-round match at Colma, California, on February 23, 1906. If Hart can be listed as a valid heavyweight titleholder, his reign was the shortest in history—235 days.

Tommy had none of Hart's doubts about holding a title: He claimed it without qualification and made the claim stick by whipping just about every contender in sight, including Irish, British, and Australian challengers.

By the time that Jack Johnson finally got a shot at him, most of the followers of the fight game recognized Burns as king of the heavyweights. They were less willing to extend the same courtesy to Johnson after the unpopular black man soundly whipped Burns in Sydney on December 26, 1908.

Johnson fought Jeffries (who had been urged out of retirement by angry white fans who demanded that he punish the brash "Li'l Artha") and give him the thrashing of his life, at Reno, on July 4, 1910.

Only then did Johnson receive universal—and grudging—acknowledgment that he rightfully held the heavyweight crown.

A couple of remarks should be made about Hart's right to be listed among the champions and Jeffries' role in the matter. Sometime after he had won over Root, Hart appeared at a public gathering in California, where he was presented to the crowd as the champion.

Jeffries was in attendence at the event and reporters stated that he smiled and winked to a friend when Hart was thus introduced. In 1949, just four years before his death, Jeffries told an associate of Ring editor Nat Fleischer that he most certainly had not bestowed the title on Hart and that the whole affair had been cooked up by the promoters, who had used his name without his express consent.

Ironically, the defeated Root enjoyed a better life, in the material sense, than did Hart following their meeting in Reno.

He fought and won one more bout and retired from the ring in 1906. As an active fighter he had invested his earnings wisely. As a full-time businessman he accumulated a considerable income from his holdings, which included a number of movie theaters. He died a wealthy man on June 9, 1963, at Los Angeles. Nat Fleischer honored Root by making him number nine in his list of the ten greatest light heavyweights.

Hart's later career was far less rewarding. After his defeat by Burns, he continued fighting until 1910, at which time he hung up his gloves and returned to his Fern Creek farm.

His only participation in boxing was occasional refereeing of matches in nearby Louisville. He died quietly on September 17, 1931.

According to his own statements, his tenure as title claimant had netted him a mere $10,000, which included his share of the purse in Reno and receipts from a roadshow tour. You won't find his name on anybody's list of the ten greatest heavyweights. Thus $10,000—and an asterisk—were the only rewards of Marvin Hart's championship tenure.

INSIDE THE ROPES

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experienced referee who wouldn't permit his boy to be hit on the break, or butted and so forth. I was quicker this night. I went directly to the secretary of the commission and told him the same lie I did the last time.

"Once, upon leaving a movie theatre, my wife and I strolled to our car in the parking lot. We passed a restaurant famous for corned beef sandwiches. My wife wanted to go in. I tried to talk her out of it but said 'let me take a look.' I gazed through the window and thought it safe to go in. At this hour it wasn't crowded. My chief concern was, of course, being sure none of the betting boys were there. They weren't, so we went in and had the house specialty. My wife suggested we split another one. Just then three men entered. I knew one of them. He was considered a nice guy and would give you the shirt off his back. But he wagered heavily on all sports.

"When the waiter brought the sandwich and two cups of coffee, I asked for the check, left a tip for the waiter, walked over and paid the cashier. The waiter came over, and said, 'Mr. Goldstein, you left your food on the table.' I made some excuse as the cashier suggested a refund. I flatly refused and my wife and I continued to the parking lot. Actually, I made a hasty exit from the restaurant because of a big bout coming up in a few days. There was always a possibility I may have been called on to referee. It's a miracle I didn't get ulcers eating under such conditions. I always managed to escape a bad situation.

"Things that happen in the ring can cause much grief. It's impossible to satisfy everyone I guess. I was told that in 1899, the leading official at that time, George Siler, refereed the 25-round title bout between James J. Jeffries and Tom Sharkey at Coney Island, N.Y. The fight went the distance and Siler voted for Jeffries. Most people agreed but Sharkey was extremely popular. Some hothead fans thought Sharkey won and the referee needed an escort to the dressing room.

"A former champion made a guest appearance as a referee in a neighboring country. He did exactly what he believed was right, I'm sure but he, too, needed an escort after the bout. There have been many other such incidents. I came in for sharp criticism after some fights. I still believe I was right but the people are entitled to their opinions.

"Among the good things I remember was when the excellent eolumnist, the late Frank Graham, wrote a book about me, then about 15 years ago, the New York Boxing Writers gave me an award as referee of the year. I was also on the first Ed Sullivan Toast of The Town Television Show, 'way back in 1948.

An hour had lapsed and I asked my visitor, "Do I talk to much?" He said he enjoyed every bit of it and still wanted a referee's license. I didn't mean to talk him out of it as I could see his heart was very much in it. I told him it was possibly more difficult at present. With the demise of many small clubs, there might be little opportunity for him to display his wares. Getting a license, it was different for me. I had been refereeing Army bouts during World War II. I still had to write a letter to the then Governor Thomas E. Dewey. I'm sure that clinched it for me. I then told our ex-fighter there were two courses to take. "Apply directly to the boxing commission or, if possible, have some influential person who might be friendly with the head of the commission aid you. I don't know the commissioner too well. He might be one that frowns on such tactics. Just take your chances.

The ex-fighter thanked me and said he enjoyed our chat. Note that I said "our." I did let him get in a word every now and again.

I haven't seen him since, but I haven't read nor heard of a new referee being appointed.

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FIGHT REFEREE HAROLD VALAN CALLS HIS JOB TOUGHEST OF PRO SPORTS OFFICIALS

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Even in this modern age of 1974 are the lives of referees threatened after they had made righteous decisions.

To be threatened by those who had seen the fight in question is one thing. To be criticized and castigated by men who had seen the action on television several thousand miles from the ring is another matter altogether.

To this type of criticism was I subjected most unjustly, by TV viewers of the fight in Sweden, which I refereed, between Floyd Patterson and Jimmy Ellis. I gave the verdict to Ellis on clearly determined reasons supported by Jimmy's having made the fight, forced the action, landed the more numerous and on target punches and excelled in every detail on which a winning decision could be founded. Floyd fought, but he lost.

In the Terrell-Wepner fight at Atlantic City in 1973, which I decided in favor of Wepner, I would have been grossly derelict in my duty had I voted for Terrell. There were no judges. None were needed to make it emphatic that Terrell had been beaten. Soon after, he appeared in a New York arena and was stopped in one round. The New York Commission ruled him out of future fight contracts in that state.

It is my belief that every applicant for a referee's license in any locale governed by a commission should have to pass an examination.

I will venture that in some venues referees are not up on the rules—even the basic rules.

Nowadays you judge a championship fight by what you see from your point of vantage as referee.

Years ago there were things called the courtesies belonging to the defending titleholder. This tradition may have saved a few championships, here and there. But it no longer is allowed to have any bearing on the verdict.

Nor is there much backing for the old time draw. Have I ever seen an out and out draw? Circumstances may dictate that sort of decision.

The task of the modern referee is made more responsible by the TKO.

The cut eye, the intentional butt, the kidney punch, the outlawed pivot punch all have important bearings on the announced result.

The authority of the referee in cases involving serious cuts and contusions adds greatly to the third man's responsibilities even when he is forced to call in the official ringside physician.

The referee must not allow a fight to get out of hand and he must take immediate action against any fighter who lays hands on him with vigor.

In all my experience only one fighter got so excited that he shoved me out of the action. He was Buster Mathis, in the course of beating George Chuvalo. I knew that there was no intent behind the forceful push. I said to Buster, "You do that again and I will disqualify you."

He apologized and he certainly never again laid hands on a referee.

I believe that the fight public has a mistaken idea of what is paid to the referee of a world title fight. I would rather not be definite about this.

Why does a man want to be a referee? If it is not a matter of finances, is it ego? Does he seek more responsibilities? Does it add to his reputation?

The Spaniard says, "Quien sabe?" Who knows.

The best referee I have seen was Arthur Donovan, who worked almost entirely in New York and justly got the plum assignments.

Arthur Mercante, of New York, is a fine handler of a fight.

I am told that Eagle Eye Charley White, also of New York, was an expert. Ruby Goldstein belonged.

About Siler, Ed Smith, Ed Graney, Honest John Kelley and other old timers I prefer to let older critics tell their stories.

I want to say in conclusion that a great referee can turn a bad fight into a good one.

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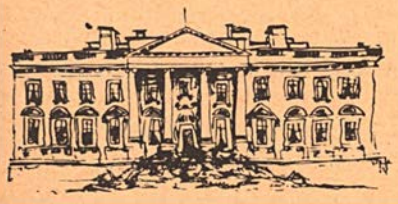

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OLD BROADWAY

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stage days and to the men from boxing whom he was close to from the days of Terry McGovern.

Benham, in his theatrical days, was a ballad singer with George Primrose's minstrels. Among those whom he worked for were Cohan & Harris, Flo Ziegfeld, Charles B. Dillingham and Raymond Hitchcock, who was Earl's partner.

Earl, who later became the official tailor for Madison Avenue, had among his clients from the theatrical and picture world greats like Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy and others.

As for the gentleman's friendship with the boxing folks, he was a dear friend of Sam Harris, who was Terry McGovern's manager, Joe Humphreys, and Jack Dempsey. You name them and he knew them. The Brooklyn-born Benham still interested in his old pals from the boxing world still around and did ask us about Andy Niederreiter, veteran promoter and manager, and we told him we heard from Andy at Xmas time and that he was then in Japan.

A final note on Benham: In his opinion, "Sugar" Ray Robinson was the best fighter Earl ever saw.

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The passing of Bud Abbott, remaining partner of the team of Abbott and Lou Costello, brought back memories of our broadcasting days when the team showed up at one of our Adam Hats fight shows in Cleveland, during one of our fistic get togethers. Bud and Lou were both sports minded and they loved boxing and baseball. . .Bud, who played the part of the straight man to the hilarious Costello, was 78 when he passed away.

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A jam-packed crowd was present the night Ring #8 held the installation of officers for 1974-75 in the Statler Hilton. It's a warm group, similar to Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21, in Brooklyn, and the evening was most enjoyable. . .Following the installation of its elected officers, there was entertainment and refreshments. . .The officers installed were Al Reid, President. . .First Vice President, Jerry Gripff. . .Second Vice-President Ray Kozak. . .Treasurer, Larry Ritchie . . .Financial Secretary, Julian N. Mayer, and Recording Secretary, Geroge Rugg.

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Bill Gallo, sports cartoonist of the New York Daily News and Ring Magazine contributor, gained another accolade when his society, the National Cartoonists, honored him as being the top man in the sports cartoon category. . . .Richly deserved!

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A salute to members of Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21, in Brooklyn. . .Sammy Venti, who is also president of the World Boxing Historian's Association, put on a smashing boxing show at the Holy Name Society, in Brooklyn, which brought out a jam-packed audience, and many were honored, including Ruby Goldstein, who received the award in memory of the immortal Benny Leonard. . .This was followed by another amateur show staged by Petey Hayes and Bobby Wagner, both affiliated with Ring #21, held at the Regina Youth Center, also in Brooklyn, with more awards and a fine turnout.

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While good news is welcome, there's always the other side of the picture. Lou Salica, twice bantam king, underwent successful foot surgery at St. Clair's Hospital. Then there was the case of Mickey Walker, one of our all-time greats among champions—welter and middleweight—who was hospitalized at the Jewish Memorial Hospital, 196th St. and Broadway, where Director Charles Gellman gave him his personal attention. . .On the sad side, was the news that Lou Handler, executive secretary of the I.V.B.A., a well known figure in the boxing world, who was associated with Ring #2 in Detroit, had passed away, following a stroke. . .

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Lest we overlook it, on the brighter side, Adrian Bailey, founder of the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame, Inc., has arranged another great show for his sixth annual New Jersey affair, which is scheduled to take place at Diamond Jim's Restaurant at Matawan, N.J., on Sunday, Sept. 22. . .Charley Spina is secretary of the outfit. We've never missed one of these gala affairs and again looking forward to another great afternoon and evening. . .List of inductees include Young Joe Firpo, from Camden. . .Odin Dudrich, Tommy Roman, Emil Calcagni, Frankie Huber, Mickey Bottone, Jimmy Phillips, Gene Johnson and Roy Lazar, all former boxers and members of various New Jersey rings. It should be another knockout.

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As we were winding up our yarn, we received word that Vito Antuofermo, now from Brooklyn but born in Barri, Italy, had a happy trip back to his homeland. . .Vito met Joey Durelle, the Canadian, in Rome and scored a 1:02 knockout in the first round. . .Manager Tony Carione was jubilant over the win and said that Vito was warmly received by his former countrymen.

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HEAVYWEIGHTS

Jerry Quarry kayoed Joe Alexander, 2.
Oscar Bonavena defeated Larry Middleton, 12.
Chuck Wepner beat Charlie Polite, 10.
John Dennis decisioned Brian O'Melia, 10.
Al Jones beat Chuck Oliver, 10.
Oliver Wright stopped Lloyd Price, 2.
Bob Stallings halted James Woody, 6.
Mike Koranicki stopped O.T. Davis, 4.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

John Conteh kayoed Chris Finnegan, 6, E.B.U. & British light heavyweight titles.
Len Hutchins stopped Robert Lloyd, 4, outpointed Bobby Rascon, 10.
Victor Galindez halted Ruben Gonzalez, 3.
Alvaro Lopez defeated Hildo Silva, 10.
Hal Carroll outpointed Paul Cardoza, 10.
James Scott stopped Koli Vailea, 5.
Walter Kelly beat Armando Valente, 5.
Lonnie Bennet kayoed Frankie Evans, 1.
Raul Loyola decisioned Eddie Owens, 10.
Angel Oquendowon from Juan Aguilar, 10.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Rodrigo Valdez stopped Bennie Briscoe, 7, W.B.C. vacant middleweight title.
Kevin Finnegan beat Jean-Claude Bouttier, 15, European Middleweight title.
Tony Mundine kayoed Don Cobbs, 6.
Tony Licata defeated Mike Baker, 10, U.S. middleweight title.
Vito Antuofermo stopped Joey Durelle, 1.
Gratier Tonna stopped Fabio Bettini, 7.
Donato Paduano beat Claude Gauthier, 10.
Rudy Robles decisioned Joe Gonzalez, 10.
Manuel Fierro defeated Tom Hanna, 10.
Nelson LaSalle decisioned Hector Salaman, 10.
Gene Wells kayoed Buck Thonrton, 4.
Ray Thornton stopped Ernie Gifford, 4.
Leo Saenz halted Juan Ramos, 2.
Eddie Gregory drew with Nessim Cohen, 10.
Dave Love outpointed Mario Marquez, 10.
Marvin Hagler halted James Redford, 3.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Hedgemon Lewis stopped Felipe Vaca, 4.
John Stracey kayoed Roger Menetrey, 8, European Welterweight Title.
Clyde Gray beat Art Kettles, 10.
Eddie Perkins outpointed Ryu Sorimachi, 10.
Fausto Rodriguez kayoed Jeff Holmes, 4.
Elisha Obed defeated Roy Lee, 10.
Billy Lloyd halted Zovek Barajas, 4.
Felipe Vaca decisioned Gustavo Garcia, 12.
Dario Hidlago defeated Eddie Davis, 10.
Augie Gomez beat Jorge Rodriguez, 8.
Omar Piton won from Tyrone Phelps, 8.
Pete Ranzany kayoed Roger Buckskin, 2.
Armando Ramos drew with Jaroslav Travnik, 8.
Eddie Blay halted Max Hebseisen, 8.
Angel Espada stopped David Oropeza.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Bruno Arcari beat Doc McClendon, 10.
Alfonso Frazer stopped Emiliano Villa, 8, lost to Victor Ortiz, 10.
Toni Ortiz beat Kid Village, 2.
Carlos Giminez stopped Rudy Bolds, 6.
Monroe Brooks kayoed Jesus Alonso, 2.
Tony Petronelli halted Cruz Ramos, 7.
Johnny Gant beat Mario Sauranann, 10.
Jose Peterson decisioned Nani Marrero, 10, kayoed Ricky Simaratana, 7.
Johnny Copeland halted Ralph Coley, 3.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ken Buchanan kayoed Antonio Puddu, 6, E.B.U. lightweight Title.
Jimmy Heair lost to Rudy Barro, 10.
Ramon Reyes drew with Antonio Amaya, 10.
Miguel Mayon beat Malai-Thong Sithkoom, 10.
Art Leon beat Nick Alfaro, 6, Pete Vital, 10, kayoed Ed Alwin, 2.
Hector Medina outpointed Gino Febus, 4.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Sven-Erik Paulsen kayoed Lothar Abend, 3, E.B.U. junior lightweight title.
Victor Echegaray halted Carlos Martinez, 6, Miguel Maldonado, 8, lost to Pedro Aguero, 12.
Antonio Amaya drew with Ramon Reyes, 10.
Jean-Baptiste Piedvache beat Renzo Battiselli, 10.
Dom Monaco stopped Billy Wade, 9.
Livio Nolasco outpointed Eduardo Santiago, 10.
Hector McBride beat Jerry Powers, 6, Ricky Ramos, 6.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Alex Arguello kayoed Art Hafey, 2.
Bobby Chacon stopped Danny Lopez, 9, U.S. Featherweight Title.
Ruben Olivares kayoed Ad Zapanta, 2.
Octavio Gomez and Cornelio Vega fought Technical Draw, 6.
Lionel Hernandez outpointed Ben Ortiz, 10.
Oscar Mendez drew with Kid Pascualito, 12, South American Featherweight Title.
Sven-Erik Paulsen kayoed Lothar Abend, 3.
Ronnie McGarvey decisioned Jose Nunez, 8.
Art Hafey kayoed Ricardo Garcia, 2.
Gustavio Briceno beat Rocky Orengo, 10.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Rafael Herrera kayoed Romeo Anaya, 6, W.B.C. Bantamweight Title.
Chucho Castillo beat Victor Rodrigo, 10.
Tarcisio Gomez kayoed Al Cabanic, 4.
Venice Borkorsor kayoed Joe Gumede, 10.
Francisco Villegas outpointed Antonio Fuentes, 10.
Rodolfo Martinez kayoed Saul Montano, 10.
Baby Joe Johnson beat Pedro Torres, 8.
James Martinez kayoed Domingo Luna, 6.
Raul Rosette won from Jose Flores, 6.
Davey Vasquez beat Natalio Jiminez, 10.
Johnny Watson decisioned Sal Aguilar, 10.

FLYWEIGHTS

Betulio Gonzalez kayoed Luis Cortez, 2.
Chartchai Chionoi defeated Fritz Chervet, 15, W.B.A. flyweight title.
Vicente Pool beat Lupe Hernandez, 10, stopped Antonio Munoz, 5.
Ingacio Espinal halted Alberto Cabanig, 2.
Juan Brizuela defeated Jose Casas, 10.
Johnny Mesa beat Manuel Gonzalez, 10.
Bobby Holderfield kayoed Billy Holliday, 2.

ZAMBIA FIGHT RESULTS IN TRAGEDY FOR HOME CHAMP

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medically, one of the factors, they contend which contributed to his untimely death in the ring. For this reason, Chansa's elder brother, Brighton, has threatened to sue a Kitwe doctor who, allegedly, issued the late boxer with a false certificate declaring him as fit to fight.

Chansa's death in a way will have adverse bearing on the efforts of promoter Pius Kakungu, presently the only active promoter in the country. Kakungu has been striving single-handed and untiringly hard to revive pro boxing in Zambia, which has been on the verge of collapse.

A week prior to the Chansa-McMillan fight he had staged another international bout featuring Zambian light heavyweight champion, George Chiseng, against Maxie Smith of Britain in Lusaka. The bout was won by Smith on a seventh round TKO.

Kakungu's first international fight was staged also in Lusaka's Mulungushi Hall. This was between British flyweight boxing champion John McCluskey, and Zambian bantamweight champion Patrick Mambwe.

Mambwe won the action-packed 10-round contest on a unanimous points verdict. Kakungu thereafter flew to Britain to bring with him Don McMillan and Mixie Smith.

Pro boxing in Zambia dates back to 1962 with the inception of the ZBWB. During this period only three ring tragedies have been recorded, including Chansa's.

The first tragedy took place in 1964 when Zambian featherweight champion Fix Njilamanda knocked out "Mau-Mau" from Rhodesia in the fourth of their eight-round encounter. The Rhodesian died some hours later in Kitwe Central Hospital.

The second ring mishap hit Zambia's up and coming wrestler Andrew Mubanga. Mubanga died last year in Kabwe Hospital following his bout against his compatriot, William "Tiger Boy" Nkandu.

FOREMAN FAVORED IN BETTING BUT ACTION IS SLOW FOR ZAIRE BOUT

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in two rounds and later knocked out Ken Norton, also in two rounds.

Norton fought 12 rounds twice against Muhammad Ali, fracturing the Muslim's jaw in the first encounter and losing the second one on points perhaps because of a laggard last heat.

On the basis of these results, Foreman should enter the Congo ring much the better liked in the betting. However, we must not disregard a sentimental factor in favor of Mr. Clay. Foreman is not busy establishing anything of that sort. At least, not yet.

It is understood that Video Technique's first choice for a battle site was the oil country of Kuwait. However, Foreman refused to go there as he figured that a Moslem venue would be to Ali's advantage.

Associated in a sort of offhand way with the heavyweight situation was the Middleton-Bonavena fight in Baltimore.

Neither boxer went into the ring with an important position in the ratings.

Bonavena punched himself out of No. 7 into 6 with a 12-round decision and pushed Middleton down to No. 9 in the ratings.

As for Bonavena, winning this one on points hardly could be accounted a striking achievement.

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hoping for another Max for years but none have as yet made the grade.

It is doubtful if anyone will ever bring the heavyweight prize to the Fatherland again – certainly not in our time.

Before the war, Adolf Heuser, Hein Mueller and Arno Kolblin won the European heavyweight title. In the post-war period we have had Hein ten Hoff, Heinz Neuhaus, Peter Weiland, Jurgen Blin and Karl Mildenberger. Ten Hoff campaigned in America and gave Jersey Joe Walcott a good fight over ten rounds in Germany.

Mildenberger lost a world title fight to Muhammad Ali in Frankfurt, the fight being stopped in round 12. Today Germany does not possess a heavyweight capable of lifting the European title, not to mention the world crown. But as promoter Walter Rothenburg once said, "Promoters come and go but boxing will still go on."

As long as the sport is alive and kicking, a champion could be born overnight, and what's more, he could be a world heavyweight champion.

LACK OF FLYWEIGHT CONTENDERS HITS MANILA

By FELIPE J. C. GALANG

Manila, P.I. — In the recent rating released by the Oriental Boxing Federation only one Filipino was rated for the flyweight title. Some fighters are not rated by the World Boxing Association but rated by the OBF (who are in a better position to know). The ratings:

Flyweight

Socrates Batoto (P) Champion; 1. Erbito Salavarria (P) 2. Susumo Hanagata (J) 3. Hakyung Kim (K) 4. Orlando Javierto (P) 5. Cecil Escobido (P) 6. Vittaya Ploenchit (T) 7. Jiro Takada (J) 8. Takenobu Shimabukuro (J) 9. Kenichi Shimozato (J) 10. Hurhasijim (I)

Bantamweight

Soo Hwan Hong (K) Champion; 1. Venice Borkorsor (T) 2. Thanomjit Sukorthai (T) 3. Fernando Cabanela (P) 4. Eddie Saloma (P) 5. Hungskik Kim (K) 6. Shintaro Uchiyama (J) 7. Genzo Kurozawa (J) 8. San Sacristan (P) 9. Boksoo Hwang (K) 10. Abel Torno (P).

Junior Featherweight

Kyu Chul Chang (K) Champion; 1. Dongyun Yum (K) 2. Snappy Asano (J) 3. Colley Saloma (P) 4. Komrit Donjadee (T) 5. Shoji Okano (J) 6. Sal Aguilar (P) 7. Sungjong Hong (K) 8. Songchai Pichitchai (T) 9. Speedy Santos (P) 10. Tetsuro Kawami (J).

Featherweight

Zensuke Utagawa (J) Champion; 1. Bert Nabalatan (P) 2. Moonshuk Choi (K) 3. Fel Clementes (P) 4. Ushiwakamaru Harada (J) 5. Flipper Uchara (J) 6. Romeo Tomagan (G) 7. Nene Jun (P) 8. Bert Tani (P) 9. Chanakiat Kiatmuangyon (T) 10. Payak Lukpiskarnak (T).

Junior Lightweight

Hjunchi Kim (K) Champion; 1. Apollo Yoshio (J) 2. Yasutsune Uehara (J) 3. Little Gallego (P) 4. Yongsoo Kim (K) 5. Susumu Okabe (J) 6. Tony Jumao-as (P) 7. Ernie Cruz (G) 8. Hwaryong Yuk (K) 9. Mike Benitez (P) 10. Hwanam Kim (K).

Lightweight

Guts Ishimatsu (J) Champion; 1. Yungchoul Cho (K) 2. Fred Pastor (P) 3. Masataka Takayama (J) 4. Shinichi Kadota (J) 5. Leo Viajedro (P) 6. Yungjo Oh (K) 7. Buzzsaw Yamabe (J) 8. Manny Ysrael (P) 9. Hubert Kang (K).

Junior Welterweight

Changkil Lee (K) Champion; 1. Lion Furuyama (J) 2. Bonghi Park (K) 3. Dan de Guzman (P) 4. Sornravy Yorgtrakit (T) 5. Eagla Sato (J) 6. Huasai Sithbuniert (T) 7. Yungbok Lee (K) 8. Shinichi Satos (J) 9. Chusan Lee (K) 10. Raymundo Rivera (P).

Welterweight

Ryu Sorimachi (J) Champion; 1. Min Cho (K) 2. Pedro Adigue (P) 3. Shoji Tsujimoto (J) 4. Wongso Susemo (I) 5. Cris Pasumil (P) 6. Bull Kato (J) 7. Yungkeun Chung 8. Somkiat Kiatmuangyon (T) 9. Danny Martarillas (P) 10. Mansung Cho (K).

Junior Middleweight

Hide Kanazawa (J) Champion; 1. Yungsuk Part (K) 2. Hitochi Nakagawa (J) 3. Alberto Cruz (P) 4. Raizo Kashima (I) 5. Ynbok Cho (K) 6. Michihiro Horihata (J).

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DECKED QUARRY STOPS FOE IN 2

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The affable and well-liked Frazier was present and received the glad hand from the crowd when introduced by ring announcer Jack E. Lee.

Referee Arthur Mercante, after the shindig ended, told us that when Quarry arose in the first round he seemed to have a glazed expression on his face. As for the second knockdown and ultimate kayo of Alexander, the arbiter said that the man from down South was in bad shape, and in all probability he would have had to call a halt. "Alexander was in real trouble," Arthur told us.

There were two other ten spots on the program. Raul Loyola, said to be Argentine's outstanding light heavyweight, in his local debut, received a unamimous decision over Eddie 'Red Top' Owens, from Springfield, Mass., but didn't look especially effective against his opponent, whose style bothered him, and the Nutmeg State lad made it close when it was over . . . Loyola scaled 173¾, Owens 174½ pounds, with Herbie Kronwzitz as the arbiter.

In the first ten Bob Stallings, of Freeport, N.Y., 213, stopped veteran James J. Woody, from New York City, 210, when Referee Coley Wallace intervened after 53 seconds of the sixth round had elapsed . . . Woody had just arisen from an eight second count when he was battered to the canvas near the ropes . . . Woody, a long time campaigner, seems to have had it.

Two four spots rounded out the program . . . Ronnie Gibbons, from New Hyde Park, N.Y., 139½ pounds, whipped George Farkaras, 140½, from Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y., when Referee Coley Wallace intervened after 2:20 of the third round, after Farkaras was dropped twice in the second canto and was being belted when the referee called it off . . . In the second four, John Capobianco, from Huntington, N.Y., 160¼ pounds, registered a merited unanimous win against Julio Perez, from the Dominican Republic, 164, during which the loser was down in the third round for a count of eight.

Altogether, the crowd seemed to like what it saw of the new sports arena out on the Island and there were a few squawks about the card . . . And don't forget the prices for seats were $20, $10, $7.50, and $5 . . . They might have had some more fans but for the Mets–Giants game in Shea Stadium the same night.

P.S. – If Quarry had been knocked out, and he was very close to it, here is what would have happened: 1, The Quarry–Joe Frazier fight announced for June 17 by the Garden would have been cancelled. 2, The Bob Foster-Jorge Ahumada bout arranged for Albuquerque for June 17 and scheduled to follow the Quarry-Frazier match via closed circuit television, also would have been cancelled. 3, Quarry would have dropped in the ratings to a serious degree.

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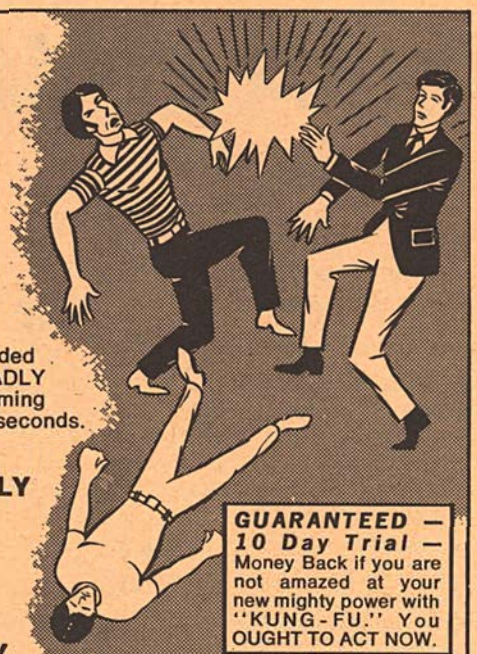

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SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMP SCORES TKO IN SEVENTH

By ED CLARK

New Brighton, Port Elizabeth — South African junior lightweight champion Nkosana Mgxaji hammered Ernest Phakge to score a seventh round TKO when the towel was thrown in after a well-timed left sent Phakge down and he was like a drunken sailor on rising.

Mgxaji took the rounds by a wide margin using his speed to great advantage. Two fisted attacks with variation of blows had Phakge who is known as a KO specialist, non-plussed. Phakge was sent to the canvas in the fourth via a hard left to take a count of 8. His eye was also cut in the process but the referee allowed the fight to proceed to Phakge's ultimate disaster.

Victor Tshabalala, a lightweight gave away weight but was made to fight all the way in scoring an 8 rounds points win over welter Dan Mkhize. Israel Khonkobe decisioned Thozi Yako, 6, flyweights; Terrance Makaluza outpointed Augustus Ntuli, 6, welters; Thabo Moloko KO'ed Nkululeko Sandi, 6, featherweights.

▲**Pretoria** — Jimmy Richards gained sweet revenge as he defended his title by stopping big Mike Schutte in the 12th and final round.

Twice had Richards been beaten on points by Schutte but this time Richards, after starting off slow, speeded up as Schutte ran out of gas to subdue his challenger for the heavyweight crown. Schutte using a piston left hand and right hooks to body and head took the first two rounds but then began missing with his left as Richards moved out of the way and Richards was scoring with left uppercuts to the head. Schutte slowed down when Richards began to make the body his target and in the seventh a clash of heads saw blood come from Schutte that Alan Towel patched up remarkably.

Richards turned on the pressure in the next rounds and in the final round two stunning rights over the top of Schutte's guard had the challenger against the ropes where Richards scored freely until the towel came in from Schutte's corner.

In a bout for Gielie Buitendag's Transvaal welter title Pretoria's Gert Craemer gained revenge by outscoring Buitendag in a 10 round fight fought at a cracking pace. Craemer who seldom stops throwing blows found Buitendag to be sluggish but both boxers treated the 4,000 crowd with a fine display.

Sydney Bensch decisioned Chris du Plessis, 6, middleweights; Andre Roos outscored Fred Dorey, 6, light-heavyweights.

▲**Kroonstad.** — Gert Steyn, welter champion dropped Spider Kelly five times before KOing Kelly in the eighth. Steyn was superior thruout winning all but possibly the fifth and sixth rounds. Peter Enslin decisioned Lionel de Haas, feathers, 4; Niels Lange pipped Alec McMillan, 4, lightweights; Hannes Bezuidenhout TKO'ed Gert Mulder, 3, light-heavyweights; Giel du Toit decisioned Manie Pretorious, 4, welterweights; Apie du Toit iced Steve Wilken, 3, welterweights.

▲**Port Elizabeth** — Promising 22 year old light heavy Gerrie Bodenstein KO'ed Horst Lang of West Germany with a long straight right to the jaw in the seventh round. Starting with combinations to head and body Bodenstein had Lang on the ropes in the first and the German fighting southpaw was down in the fifth when a series of blows trapped him in the corner.

The German showed great courage and at short range excelled but at long range was defensive. After a 10 round fight in which Henry Alley decisioned Petrus Karsten for the Cape feather title both boxers were exhausted.

Eddie Mileham outscored Freddie Rust, 6, lightweights; Andre Roos scored over Doug de Wet, 6, light heavy; Gerald Oehley outpointed Louis Neveling, lightweights.

▲**Brits** — In the first ever pro boxing in Brits John Mitchell from Scotland scored easily over Hansie van Rooyen over 10 rounds in the featherweight division.

Steve Els in his debut KO'ed Chris du Plessis, 4, welterweights; Dave Koen and Alec McMillan ended even, 4, lightweights; Louis Neveling scored an upset over Eddie Mileham, 6, lightweights; Ronnie du Preez decisioned Japie Steyn, 6, welterweights; Hendrik Ludick outpointed Chris McCauley, 6, middleweights.

THAI SOKOTHAI SCORES TKO IN NINTH OVER OKANO

By MANAS KIETTINIYOM

Bangkok, Thailand — Thailand's Thanomchit Sukothai TKO'ed Japanese junior featherweight Shoji Okano in ninth round at the Lumpini Boxing Stadium.

Thanomchit took the fight to the 19-year-old Okano throughout the encounter. Only in the third round did the Thai boxer get into trouble but the bell saved him.

The Thai won every round except the third. Thanomchit set up his victory behind bone-jarring left hooks and stinging left-right combinations to the face and body. Okano, defending a suspected glass jaw with his right worked only with his left for the better part of the fight. Thanomchit met with the right only on occasion.

The end of the fight came at the close of the eighth round when Okano staggered back to his corner with gore sprouting from mouth wounds.

Kenji Yonekura, Okano's manager asked the referee Narong Padungthai to stop the fight when the bell sounded for the ninth.

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ESTUPINAN STOPS VERGARA IN SECOND AT BOGOTA

By LUIS A. GONZALEZ (LAGOVEN)

Bogota, Colombia — Francisco Garces, 116 3/5, outpointed Saul Ariza, 118 4/5, in four. Ricardo Estupinan, 113 4/5, knocked out Nelson Vergara, 115 4-5, in the second round (2:55). Estupinan debuted as pro. A right hook to the ear of Vergara dropped him for a count of ten.

Alvaro Lopez, Colombian, 112 4/5, beat Panamian Herbert Locke, 113½, in the third (2:52). Locke visited the canvas in the first.

In another card, Jorge Ruiz, 142 1/5, disposed of Isidro Escobar, 141 3/10, in ten. The judges voted 60-56, 60-54 and 59-56, all for Ruiz.

Pedro "Dinamita" Ospino, 125, and Abraham Bernal, 122 4/5, drew in four rounds.

The unbeaten and new Colombian prospect, Sigifredo Moreno, 118 1/5, decisioned in six rounds, Fernando Bustos, 117 3/10. Moreno knocked Bustos down twice in the 5th. The decision was unanimous.

Francisco Garces and Fausto Cortes, draw in four, bantam line.

Calixto Perez, fly, of Cartagena, outpointed Ricardo Estupinan, Buenaventura. In another card, in El Salitre Coliseum, Francisco "Chocolate" Garces, 112 1/5, won by decision in four over Tony Padilla, 113.

In a regular match, Abraham Bernal, 122 4/5, outpointed veteran Gilberto Lopez, 125 3/5, in four rounds.

Cartagena — Miguel Espinosa, local bantamweight, lost to Wilfrido Castro, in ten. The Colombian champion of the fly class, Carlos Arturo Osorio, lost in a non title fight with Calixto Perez in ten rounds, by decision.

Hernan Torres Prens, former junior lightweight champion of Colombia, gained in 10 rounds over Adalberto Gomez.

Barranquilla — The new Colombian idol, Emiliano Villa, champion at 135 pounds, gained easy decision over Mexican Chucho Florez in ten rounder.

Armando Perez, Colombian feather, unbeaten, knocked out Antonio Navas, of Mexico, in the second with a combination over the face of the visitor.

Alfonso Caceres stopped Pedro Cantillo in the fourth. Prudencio Cardona, local fly, KO'ed Eliseo Padilla in the first. Undefeated Juanito Herrera defeated Orlando Tejedor in one. The new Herrera's record is: 7 (6 by KO) and one draw. He debuted on July 20th, 1973.

MEMPHIS JONES BEATS OFF OLIVER'S LATE RALLY

By TOM RAY

Oklahoma City, Okla. — "Memphis" Al Jones, now fighting out of Cushing, Okla., had to hold off a last minute rally by Charles "Ironman" Oliver of Tucson, Ariz., in order to gain a split ten round decision.

Jones, 208, won the first six rounds with his snappy jabs and quick right hands. While Jones was able to hurt Oliver, 212, with every right hand he landed, the rugged Oliver came on in the last three rounds and in the tenth dropped Jones with a right hand that forced Al to take a count of nine.

James "El Tigre" Martinez, 119, of Dallas, and Domingo Luna, 122, of Mexico City, waged war for five rounds before the Texas bantam connected with a savage right uppercut-left hook combination that put Luna on queer street and forced referee James Williamson to stop the fight at :27 of the sixth round.

▲Enid, Oklahoma — Tom Berry, 220, of Hennessey, Okla., became the state's third Heavyweight Champion by stopping Claude "Humphrey" McBride, 280, of Oklahoma City at 1:36 of the fourth round.

McBride, the defending titleholder, was cut over the left eye early in the first and was beaten all the way. When he tried to slug with Berry he was outpunched and when he tried to box the challenger, he was outboxed.

There was a pair of first round knockouts, Tony Gardner, 158, of Dallas, looked real sharp in stopping Allen Moore, 155, of New Orleans at 1:13 of the round. An overhand right did the job.

Slick punching James Martinez of Dallas stopped Willie Johnson of New Orleans in only 30 seconds of the first.

Martinez proved his punching power as Johnson was out a good six minutes and had two spastic convulsive fits while unconscious. Everyone, especially Martinez, was quite concerned about the young man's health. They are bantamweights.

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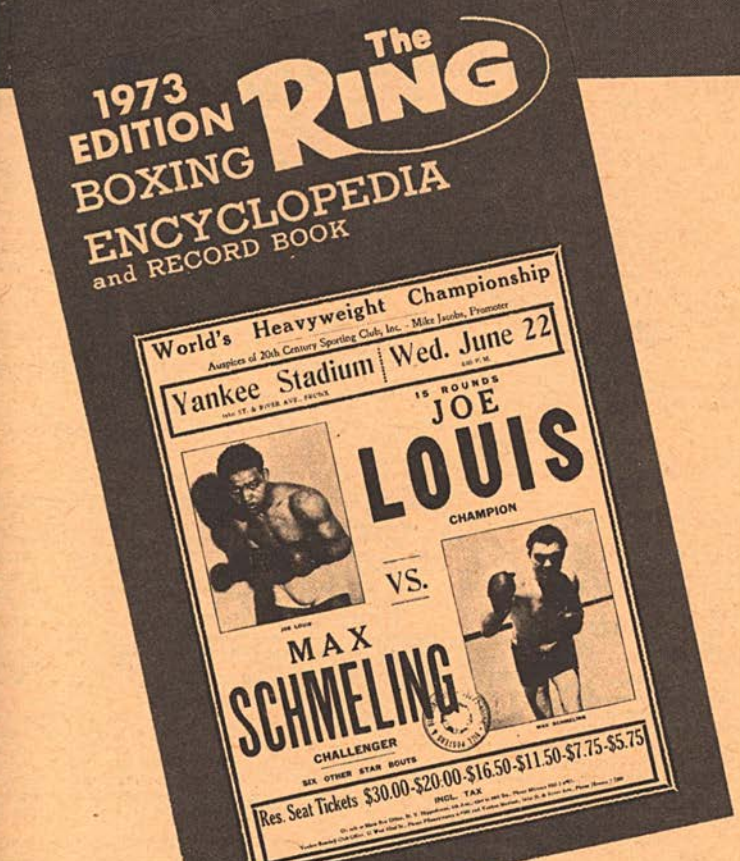

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VASQUEZ COMES OUT OF HIDING WITH SPLENDID VICTORY OVER JIMINEZ

By SAM TAUB

Davey Vasquez, Bronxite, after a 14-month layoff, made his reappearance at New York's Forum and the Artie Curley protege turned in a fine performance in clobbering Natalio Jiminez, Santo Domingo, in a ten round half of a double feature. . .A turnout of 1,711, who paid $8,143.96, watched Vasquez, the Lehman College Alumnus, 118¼, do a masterful all-'round job in conquering more experienced Jiminez, 124.

It was no contest after the third round, with Vasquez belaboring his man with every assortment of punches, plus perfect footwork. Jiminez, outclassed and with a cut left eye suffered in the fifth round, kept trying but to no avail. . .Our 7 to 3 tally didn't actually tell the margin of victory, for the Bronxite gave his rival a thorough going over in registering a unanimous decision.

Referee Georgie Coyle had it 6-3-1, judge Joe Pushkal, 7-3, and judge Artie Aidala 9-1, all for the winner.

The co-ten saw Livio Nolasco, from Santo Domingo, D.R., 130½, the featherweight champion of his domain whip Eduardo Santiago, from Santurci, P.R., 131, by registering a majority victory. . .The only surprise was that it wasn't unanimous, for the smaller Nolasco, in our book, had it 7-2-1. . .Santiago, the taller, was the favorite, but he disappointed by putting up an ordinary performance while the winner continued to carry the setto to him and landed effectively with both hands. Barney Smith was the referee.

There were two sixes. . .Justice Ortiz, Brooklyn, 140, and Henry Ocasio, from New York, 141, wound up the hectic affair in a draw, while Ray "Nino" Hernandez, 171, Brooklyn, waylaid Roland Cousins, 174½, New York, to gain a unanimous win.

Something unusual happened at the N.Y. Felt Forum fights. . .Angel Oquendo, of Fajardo, P.R., spoiled Juan Aguilar's American debut by overwhelming the Mendoza, Argentina, boxer in the ten round final.

It was no contest, Oquendo keeping the pressure on his man throughout, always crowding him into the ropes and having the better of the going.

Only in a half dozen instances did Aguilar manage to get out of his dilemma when he landed but Oquendo did all the punching, opening an old cut on the loser's left eye and Dr. Harry Kleinman making about five trips to look at the optic, which was bleeding. . .It was Oquendo's fourth showing this year at the Felt Forum.

That wasn't the real story. . .The shocker was when the decision, by a majority vote, was announced. . .Judge Ellsworth Simley had it 9-0-1 and Referee Jimmy Devlin 9-1 for Oquendo. . .However, Judge Leo Dazza, who has been around, was the dissenter, scoring it 9-1 for Auilar, the loser, crediting Oquendo with winning only the first round. . .Our score card was 8-0-2 for the victor, who weighed the same as his adversary, each scaling 176 pounds.

The eight-round semi-windup was a clean-cut win for Oscar Piton, also from Mendoza, another of the Piton brothers, 147¾ pounds, who scored unanimously against Tyrone Phelps, from Brooklyn, N.Y., 149 pounds. . .Piton, a southpaw, was effective with right jabs and right hooks and was a puzzle to Phelps. . .Vinnie Rainone was the referee.

In three fours. . .Ruby Ortiz, Brooklyn, 130, scored a 2:27 third round TKO over John Tutino, Bronxite, 133. . .Cletes Hayes, Newark, N.J., 128½, registered unanimously over Jimmy McCloud, Brooklyn, 133½, while Felix Flores, Bronxite, 140¼, also was an unanimous victor over Kid Perez, of Vegas, Puerto Rico, 140¼ pounds.

RODRIGUEZ, ROD BOBICK SCORE IN DOUBLEHEADER

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

Minneapolis, Minn. — Rafael Rodriguez, 145¼, Minneapolis, won a close, but unanimous ten round decision over Johnny Montagne, 146½, Phoenix in the co-main event at Convention Center.

It was the harder punching of Rodriguez against the superior boxing skills of Montagne in what turned out to be an excellent match, as both fighters put forth their best efforts for the entire ten rounds.

Montagne gained the edge in the first two rounds, but midway through the third a hard right and left to the head put Montagne down on his back. The rest of the match was give and take with the harder punches of Rodriguez gaining the most points. Rodriguez is now 9-1-1.

In the other part of the co-main event, Rodney Bobick, 219, Bowlus, Minn. stopped Jimmy Cross, 202, Memphis at 1:30 of the second round. Cross attempted to come in under Bobick's guard, but Rodney wouldn't allow it as he would straighten Cross up with hard and crisp uppercuts. Cross was down twice in the match, the last time down the fight was stopped. Bobick is now 28-3-0.

Scott LeDoux, 218, Minneapolis (3-0-0) won a six round decision over Steve Patterson, 220, Chicago.

Mike Gephart, 144¾, Minneapolis, stopped John Fuller, 144, St. Paul at 2:10 of the fifth round. Gephart is now 2-1-0, Fuller 0-3-0. One other bout was cancelled.

CONTEH SCORES KO IN SIX BUT BOGS MADE BRITON FIGHT FOR IT

By CARL NYHOLM

Randers, Denmark — Tom Bogs was at ringside together with his opponent of several days previous, John Conteh, who stopped the Dane in six rounds. Conteh was defending his European cruiser title, Bogs had the Britisher on the deck and nearly kayoed in the opening round and Conteh was fortunate in being able to catch up lost ground and finally damage Tom's eyebrow sufficiently for the bout to be stopped.

A former rival of Bogs, Bunny Sterling, headlined this show with Tom Jensen in the opposite corner. Sterling won this ten-rounder much as he pleased, flooring the Dane in the 3rd and 4th frames and coasting finally to a lop-sided victory. Local middles ace Poul Knudsen tackled no less than the Italian middleweight champ, Sauro Soprani, and thumped out a clear points win in 8 rounds. Knudsen belted hard enough to keep Soprani on alert defense work, failed however to rock the Italian badly. Laurit Jensen won from Infante, Italy, over six rounds and Jorgen Hansen was a trifle lucky to stop Kurt Hombach, German welter leader, in round five due to a busted nose which caused Hombach some trouble. Bjorn Rudi, giant Norseman, had no difficulty in halting Gino Matinis of Italy and has plans to join the Mogens Palle stable.

▲Bunny Sterling, Britain's gentleman of colour, was again guest of honor on his 26th birthday, matched with Poul Knudsen over 8 rounds. The Dane is still almost a novice, accepted Sterling without a quibble although he has defeated both Tom Bogs and Tom Jensen. The general pattern consisted of Knudsen's rugged two-fisted assaults in contrast to Sterling's elegant and ring-wise expertise which was such that Bunny often allowed himself the luxury of shrugging off punches and occasionally dropping his guard.

In the final round, the exasperated Knudsen whaled away with a storming attack which had Sterling backing up and seeking shelter in all directions. Despite this grand finale, Poul Knudsen had lost clearly on points although one judge voted in his favor.

The real attraction was Ken Buchanan, filling in between world title shots, delivered himself of sworn rival Joe Tetteh inside 3 rounds.

The Ghana veteran had no great class and appeared no whit anxious to clamber up and continue after his knockdown.

Sveinn-Erik Paulsen, Norwegian feathers flash, won from Tommy Wright in the 7th round, hitherto the English boy had dodged his way clear and was set for an upset win when a sizzling right-hander had him rocking groggily around the ring. Jorgen Hansen was badly butted in the 4th heat against Mickey Flynn and his eyebrow was damaged to such a degree the ref had no qualms in ruling out Flynn. Laurits Jensen, light-middleweight won at a canter from Joe Gregory, England, in six rounds.

Despite Poul Knudsen's gallant stand, general opinion gave Sterling the decision and the Britisher has since pleaded with promotor Palle to give him a return shot to settle any doubts on the subject. Tom Bogs, incidentally, was obliged to put off a world title bout in order to marry the girl of his choice.

DOS SANTOS RUSTY BUT TOO GOOD FOR AZIAGO

By BO ZAINE

Sao Paulo, Brazil — Joao dos Santos, Brazilian lightweight champion, showed a lot of rust in his junior welter fight against Joao Aziago. dos Santos, with some six months absence from the ring, won in the seventh round when Aziago got cut inside the mouth. Aziago was slightly ahead on points.

Deusdete Vasconcellos, olympian bantam, won gallantly in six rounds from Josias Melchiades. Junior welter Pompilio Genico stopped veteran Salvador Durante in the fifth round and debuting bantam Domingos Zigrini outpointed Javan DeOliveira in a four rounder.

▲Again in Sao Paulo, Joao Mendonca, one of Brazil's brightests prospects, once again had the audience on their feet. In his fourth professional fight, he kayoed Uruguayan Luis Bidela in the first round, which gives him a 4-0 record with all KO's. Bidela attacked from the start, but a right uppercut floored him for the mandatory eight count and after that, the Uruguayan middleweight lost all interest in the fight and sank to the floor for the full count after a right to the stomach.

Middleweight Mario Martiliano halted Manoel Paulino in the fifth, when the latter ran out of gas. Light heavy Antonio Almeida kayoed Joao Paulino in the third and flyweight Luiz Marques outpointed Nelson Domingos in six.

▲A third card in Sao Paulo, Afonso Euzebio, former Latin and South American amateur champ, coming from behind kayoed Manoel Vieira in the seventh round of their featherweight clash. It was a violent right cross that ended the very good fight.

Garibaldi Pereira, veteran now fighting as a welter had his rough moments against Jose Soares, but managed to stop his foe in the seventh.

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GRAY GETS ALL VOTES IN 10 AGAINST KETTLES

By FRANK ALLNUTT

▲Toronto, Can. — Canadian and welterweight champion, Clyde Gray, 150 won a ten round unanimous decision over Art Kettles (Asbury Park, N.J.) 148, at the Maple Leaf Gardens.

Kettles, who came into the fight with a 15-20-2 record, was a decided underdog, he is a much better fighter than his record indicates. Both fighters started off in a cautious manner, Gray using the ring well, Kettles moving in trying to use his advantage in reach. By the end of three rounds it was obvious that Gray had found the range on his opponent but was experiencing problems with his right hand which he was not using to any effect.

Kettles, despite the fine jabbing and left handed hooking by Gray to the head and body refused to take any backward steps. The fast footwork on the part of Gray prevented the New Jersey fighter from getting set to land any heavy blows. At the end of nine rounds there had not been any real hard punching by either man. They stuck strictly to boxing.

Kettles was most aggressive in the tenth and final round but he was met with sharp jabs and stinging left hooks to the body and head by the precision boxing of Gray. In the dying moments of the round, Gray connected with two or three short right hand punches which landed with authority to the head and jaw of Kettles. There were no knockdowns in the fight which was handled in fine style by referee Harry Davis. The official decision handed down read 49-42, 49-44 and 50-45, all in Gray's favor but it was a much closer fight than the score indicated. In a post-fight interview Gray made a statement to the Press that he had injured his right hand in the early part of the fight.

Donato Paduano (Montreal) 157, won his second fight in two weeks when he earned a unanimous ten round decision over Claude Gautier (Quebec) 158½. Never at any time during the fight did Gautier give Paduano any room to box, it was head to head action throughout, short effective punching to the head and body by both men. Repetitious, round after round.

Midway through the eighth round, Gautier backed off from Paduano for the only time in the fight when he was stung with a couple of well-timed combination punches landed by Paduano who cut loose for a few brief seconds.

Gautier managed to get back in close before his opponent could continue his attack any further. At the bell for the conclusion of the fight, two very tired fighters returned to their corners. The decision in favor of Paduano was a mere formality. Three six round bouts filled out the card, decisions were as follows:

Cecil King (Toronto) won a unanimous decision over Don Boulter (P.E.I.) at the 147 pound limit. Middleweight Dennis Cochrane, a big 165 pounds scored a TKO over Jean Guy Binet (Quebec) 156. There were no knockdowns in the fight and Cochrane was far from impressive.

Binet, a replacement was just not conditioned for six rounds and to give away height and weight. Eddie Heckbert (Oshawa) 133 chased his opponent 'flashy' Tony Tamburello (Toronto) 126, without too much success for four rounds. At 1.12 of the fifth round a left to the jaw landed by Heckbert and Tamburello's 'streaking' was over for the night. The referee's quick action in stopping the fight robbed Eckbert of a clean KO.

5,149 fans paying $17,000 at the gate attended the show. For the first time in Canada, Senior Citizens were allowed in free for the show, some 800 attended.

▲Hull, Que. — Making his first appearance since he was KO'ed by Art Kettles five months ago, Marshall Butler, the former Montreal boxer now fighting out of Ottawa and under new management, scored an easy seventh round TKO over Terry Summerhays (Brantford). There were no knockdowns. The fight at times deteriorated very badly.

The match was halted by referee Lew Eskin in Butler's favor when it reached the point where nothing was to be gained by letting it continue. The bout headlined a card held in an unlicensed area and drew only 300 fans, the promoters took a "bath."

In the semi-final billed for eight rounds the few fans on hand did get a break when Joey Blair (Akron) failed to show for his appearance against Gary Broughton (Brantford). Blair with a 6-30-1 record has been stopped so many times he should hold a credit card with the hospital. Kid Totas (Montreal) was the replacement and won a surprised unanimous decision over Broughton. Gaston Hart (Buckingham) won by a TKO over Eddie Heckbert (Oshawa) in the fourth of a rugged lightweight bout which saw both fighters decked.

Hart was dropped in the second round but came back strong to deck Eckbert twice in the fourth when the bout was halted. Two Akron citizens billed as Keith 'Voodoman' Averette and Ernie Wit managed to stay on their feet for three rounds before the farce was halted in favor of the Voodoman. The fights were held in a wrestling ring and was the cause of contestants slipping on the loose canvas and the boards underneath, no resin was made available until the main event. Just to keep the records straight, referee Lew Eskin did not referee the recent Ali-Norton fight as the local press reported. Frank Rustich was the official for the first meeting and Dick Young handled the return bout.

Veteran Canadian middleweight Joey Durelle must be quite convinced now that he has come to the end of the road. He traveled from Montreal to Rome only to be annihilated in forty seconds of the first round by the fists of Vito Antuofermo.

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EVERETT TROUNCES GOSS, WHO HITS DECK IN 12-ROUNDER

By NIGEL COLLINS

Philadelphia, Pa. — It was the changing of the guard at the Spectrum when youthful Tyrone Everett replaced Trenton veteran Sammy Goss as the East Coast's top junior lightweight and United States champion. Everett's lopsided 12-round victory was enjoyed by another fine turnout of 8,626.

The bout had been preceded by much verbal infighting on the part of both contestants. Everett had bragged that he was smarter, faster and a better puncher. Sammy had countered with a threat to punish Tyrone and send him to the hospital. The South Philly southpaw lived up to his end of the talk by giving Goss a thorough beating.

After an uneventful opening round Everett brought the fans to their feet with a whistling left that dumped Goss for a mandatory 8-count. Sammy was shaken but lasted the round. Tyrone pressed his advantage in the third but let his only chance for a knockout slip away.

Goss came back in the fourth and fifth with an aggressive body attack but received a cut over his right eye the following frame that turned the tide in Everett's favor for the remainder of the match. Sammy kept pressing but could never again get past Tyrone's sharp counters.

Down the stretch, where some felt he may falter, Everett was still on his toes outboxing Goss at every turn.

The win was Everett's 20th without defeat. Sammy, who entered the fight with a high world ranking, had his own streak of victories snapped at 14. He is now 39-4 overall. Both men weighed in at an even 128.

Ray "Windmill" White, 174, outpointed local Ed Bailey, 179, in ten. Bailey had held White to a draw here a few months back but was clearly defeated this time. It was a dull fight with Ed doing far too much holding to allow "Windmill" to do his thing.

Everett's stablemate Leroy Jefferson, 148, managed to remain unbeaten in a mauling 6-rounder with Thomas Williams of New York. Williams, 145, dropped Leroy in the third but failed to follow up and lost a split decision.

Middleweight Mike Rossman racked up his 11th in a row with a 6-round points win over Tyrone Freeman. Mike decked Freeman in the first and outboxed him the rest of the way.

In other action, Jerome Artis, 131, TKO'ed outclassed Rafael Santana, 125, in three and Alfonso Evans, 130, posted his third pro win with a 4-round nod over Carlos Duprey, 127.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

DECISIVELY WHIPPED, LOPEZ BOWS TO CHACON IN NINTH

By DON FRASER

LOS ANGELES, Calif. – Bobby Chacon outboxed and outpunched Danny Lopez and finally hammered him into defeat after 48 seconds into the ninth round before a capacity throng at the Sports Arena.

The fight, one of the hottest naturals ever held in the City of the Angels, lived up to all expectations.

From the first round on, both featherweights gave and took their best. Chacon was effective with a sharp straight left hand. Lopez was scoring with right hand hits to the head.

The difference in the fight was Chacon's better all around boxing ability. He continually beat the Ute Indian to the punch and managed to avoid most of Lopez' heavy artillery.

Bobby credits his losing bout against Ruben Olivares last year at the Forum with helping him prepare for Lopez.

"Olivares taught me some lessons that helped me handle Danny."

The 22-year-old Chacon took over full command in the fifth round and shook up Lopez several times with vicious body and head punches.

When the bell sounded for the ninth round, manager Joe Ponce told his charge that Lopez was ready to go.

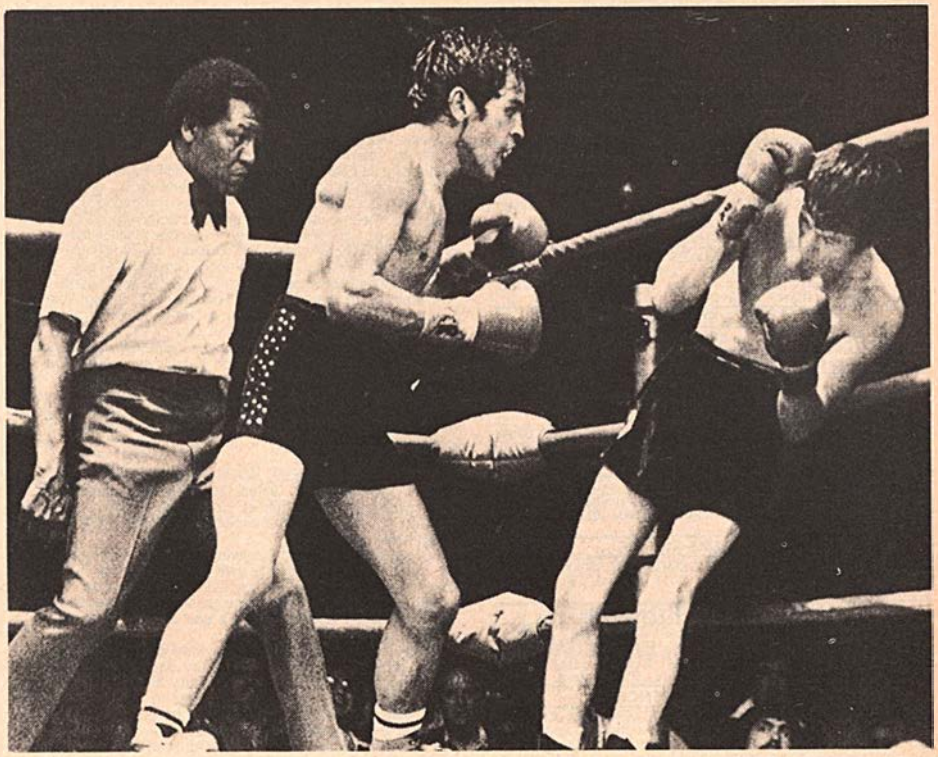
Chacon takes orders well. He shot out and nailed Lopez on the ropes with a barrage of lefts and rights. The ropes held up Danny as Bobby couldn't miss. Finally, the Redhead dropped.

Lopez managed to get up at the four count, but the cobwebs didn't leave. Chacon measured Lopez for a straight right, then as Lopez wobbled across the ring, the pride of Sylmar, Calif., finished the job with a powerful right to the chin.

Referee John Thomas then called it a night for Lopez.

The crowd, which was pro-Chacon, went wild as did Bobby, Ponce and trainer Johnny Villaflor.

Chacon, beaten only by Olivares, now has a 24-1 record. He weighed 126, The loser, who tipped in at 123½, suffered his first loss after compiling 23 straight wins, 22 by knockout.



Bobby Chacon sends Danny Lopez into the ropes, unable to properly defend himself in the ninth round of their Los Angeles meeting. Referee John Thomas is about to step in and declare Chacon the winner.

The gate at the Arena was $222,020, contributed by 16,027 folks. Another 2,671 paid $26,710 to watch the battle on closed circuit at the Olympic Auditorium.

In supporting 10-rounders, Alberto Davila, 114½, Los Angeles, stopped Rudy Gonzalez, 117, East Los Angeles, (7); Frankie Duarte, 118, Los Angeles, decisioned Tetsuro Kawakawe, 120½, Japan.

In the opener, Lorenzo Maldonado, 123½, East Los Angeles, and Antonio Garcia, 120, Los Angeles, Technical draw (3).

▲**LOS ANGELES** – Hugo Barraza, 135, came through with a mild upset, defeating Jose Luis Lopez, 134, Durango, Mexico, in the 10 round feature at the Olympic Auditorium.

Barraza, who hails from Cartengana, Colombia, started fast and kept Lopez off balance with an assortment of left jabs and right hands to the body.

Lopez gained ground in the middle rounds, but Hugo wrapped up the verdict with a strong finish.

Referee Chuck Hassett scored it 6-3, judge Larry Rozadilla, 5-4, and judge Bobby Rings, 4-3. Barraza's record is now 30-3-1. He is undefeated locally.

Other results: Tommy Howard, 147½, Los Angeles, and Tony Gonzalez, 149, East Los Angeles, drew (6); Carlos Barajas, 134½, Los Angeles, KO over Jose Mendoza, 136, (2).

▲**SAN JOSE** – Ernie Shavers' announced retirement was very short. The burly Ohio heavyweight returned to action, stopping Cookie Wallace, 202, Dallas, in the first round of a scheduled 10-rounder at Civic Auditorium.

Shavers, 210, was making his first outing since his knockout at the hands of Jerry Quarry late last year.

In a second ten, Manuel Fierro, 162, Mexicali, Mex., decisioned Al Stankie, 162, Los Angeles.

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SCOTT, NEW LIGHT HEAVY SENSATION, SCORES TWICE

By HANK KAPLAN

Miami Beach, Fla. — This reporter finds it pleasant to tell about the two recent victories of the new spectacular light heavy from Newark, Jim Scott.

In his sixth pro fight Scott, 175¼, got the decision over veteran Ray Anderson.

In his seventh victory, Scott knocked out Koli Vailea, from Tonga in the South Pacific, in the fifth round.

In both victories Scott got an ovation. He was new, he was able, he was fresh and eager.

▲In a corking good show at the Auditorium, the ten round feature between Scott and Anderson, put the icing on the cake and fired the fans to a standing ovation at the end. Scott was a conspicuous winner.

Anderson came out strong winging his long right crosses. Scott took the initiative in the second round when he had Ray in trouble on two occasions. Jimmy pummelled the body with left hooks and long right hands when he was not connecting to the head. For most of the battle he pressed Anderson but Ray seemed content to counterpunch which he did effectively to win several rounds of fighting.

Scott took Anderson's best blows without deleterious effect and was his usual self throwing every conceivable kind of a punch in return with force. Anderson, from Akron, Ohio, weighed in at 182 and was accompanied by trainer Bob McQuillan. The judging was as follows: Referee Cy Gottfried called it 49-42, judge Bunny Lovett saw the battle 49-44 and judge Stu Winston viewed the great battle 49-42, all for Scott.

In another ten rounder, Jose Peterson, 139½, San Juan, kayoed Ricky Simaratana, 140, Boston, in round seven. After a losing effort most of the distance, Simaratana was coming on strongly before he got tagged hard in the final round.

In a good ten rounder, Dario Hidalgo, 153, Santo Domingo, incurred a serious eye cut due to a butt as he pounded out an exciting decision over game Eddie Davis, 150¼, Tampa. The spirited battle drew heavy applause from the fans. Hidalgo threw leather in non-stop fashion but Davis came back with an attack assortment of his own.

In a scheduled sixer, Mike Koranicki, 200, Pittsburgh, under the care of Lou Gross, won his fourth straight as a pro as he knocked out Orestes Davies, 198, Fort Lauderdale, in the fourth round. Davies gave a good account of himself before the end.

In a good four rounder, Willie Harp, 168, Boynton Beach, Florida, and Nathaniel Gates, 169, Tampa, boxed a draw. Harp, who is a kid brother of former pro heavyweight, Willie Johnson, gave away some experience to Gates in his professional debut.

▲Scott, the new light heavyweight fighting as a pro for only 3½ months, exited the ring with 50 kids trailing him to the dressing room. James had just knocked out Vailea, 176¾, a rugged and awkward battler who gave Scott a couple of scary moments before caving in after a pair of rights to the head in round five.

Scott, at 174, boxing under the Mendoza Group banner in Miami, was stunned in round two by unorthodox right leads thrown by Vailea who seemed to carry a little bomb in each glove. Scott spent three rounds trying to figure out the unusual style of Vailea but in round four he opened up with typical Scott showmanship and turned aggressor.

He landed hooks to the body and head but his right hand did most of the damage which eventually put Koli down fro the full count in round five. Scott made this victory his 7th straight as a pro.

In another ten rounder, Jose Peterson, 135, San Juan, P.R., won a unanimous decision over Nani Marrero, 132½, Santo Domingo, D.R. in a contest which had all the elements of alley brawl with finesse.

Both men started out in clever boxing styles but after a couple of rounds Marrero exploded to deliver in non-stop fashion. Miami fans knew Peterson punched effectively and awaited his response. The result was war-like. Marrero put Peterson down for mandatory count in round five but Jose used his skill to last the round. In round eight, Peterson put Marrero down for a count with Nani returning to his corner shakily. Both continued their torrid attack until the last bell.

In a sixer, Henry Thomas showed his usual courage and tenacity as he gained a split-decision victory over Nelson Alfonso, 142, San Juan. Thomas, weighing in at 143, Miami, has been improving and coming out of a losing phase.

In another six round bout, Pete Linthorn, 146, Nova Scotia, under the care of trainer Lou Gross, pounded out a decision win over veteran Roscoe Bell, 150, Cocoa Beach. Linthorn will probably appear here again before going back to Canada.

In a four rounder, Willie Harp, 163, protege of Willie Johnson, stopped Bob Smith, 169, New Orleans, in the fourth round. Willie found Smith's style difficult to solve until the latter ran out of gas. Harp hails from Boynton Beach.

▲In a ten round feature at the Auditorium, Marcel Clay, 168, Opa-Locka, the novel city harboring two Mayors, scored a run-away decision victory over Angel Estevez, 162, Hialeah.

Though the fight was judged 50-40, 50-42, and 50-42 on official scorecards, the bout was not as lack-luster as the scoring would indicate. Clay made the added win an easier chore than in their previous encounter which was a humdinger.

Marcel took over from the opening bell in a more aggressive fashion than his usual style dictates, while Estevez depended on his right hand thrown from a distance to slow Clay down. The big right hands never landed as Clay evaded them effectively.

In a companion ten rounder, Donato Paduano, 158, Montreal, made his first start since the removal of bone chips from his left elbow nine months ago, and took a unanimous decision over willing Al Cook, 156, Jacksonville. Paduano used a sharp left jab and fast combinations to bewilder Cook who never stopped trying to land a haymaker of his own. Paduano's style pleased the crowd who appreciated his busy style of boxing.

In a scheduled eight-rounder, Larry Peterson, 142, Jacksonville, won over Paul Collette, 140½, Montreal, Canada via disqualification in round five. Referee Eddie Eckert awarded the fight to Peterson after warning Collette for repeated low blows. In winning his ninth bout against one loss, Peterson showed a lot of left hooks and spirited fighting up to the end. Collette was coming on strong before the abrupt finish.

In a six rounder, Mike Bombardo, 147, Opa-Locka, remained undefeated as he pounded out a close decision over Henry Thomas, 143½, Miami.

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147 — Dal Williams (Arnie Smith)
156 — Lee Jenlins (Steve Tohill)
165 — Tom Sullivan (Bill Gariepy)
178 — Jim Williams (Jerry Day)
Heavy — Ken Arlt (Corky Kaulius)

The Billy Townsend award went to Dal Williams. Townsend is the former Canadian welterweight champion and current member of the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame.

Billy Townsend faced such champions as Tod Morgan, Benny Leonard, Freddie Steele, Bat Battalino and Tony Canzoneri. Townsend also faced such contenders as Billy Petrolle and Sammy Luftspring.

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DAKERS TKO VICTIM OF MARKS IN BELIZE BOUT

By HENRY YOUNG

Belize, British Honduras — Birds Isle recently was the scene of ever increasing quality fighting. David Dakers of Belize, middleweight champion took on Carlos Marks of Trinidad. Dakers whose last victim was Jamaica's Roy Lee lost by a TKO after some game fighting.

On the supporting card Dennis White stopped Mono Gomez of Mexico in the 5th round and Chester Audinett KO'ed Baby Canul in 4th of a 6 round fight.

AMERICAN WELTER MASON IS STRACEY VICTIM IN 4

By RON OLVER

LONDON, England—British welterweight champion John H. Stracey, 147, stopped his second rated American within a few weeks when he knocked out Vern Mason, 147¾, in the fourth round in Royal Albert Hall.

Mason is not used to being treated in this fashion. He had beaten Jackie Tillman (whom Stracey disposed of last time out) and had also defeated Art Kettles and drawn with Miguel Barreto and Horacio Saldano.

Not long after the Stracey victory John Conteh took out Chris Finnegan in the sixth round. Finnegan appeared to have the better of the argument for five rounds but in the sixth he was blinded by the gore from cuts suffered in the fourth.

But these days Stracey is in peak form, and it was this, rather than any lapse on Mason's part, that brought the British champion so quick a victory.

Both showed skill in the first two rounds. Stracey jabbed and hooked neatly, Mason threw a lot of punches and revealed good footwork.

In the third Stracey moved forward confidently. A left to the body, then a succession of blows to the head, and Mason backed away, but still tossing punches on the retreat.

No real indication at that stage of an early finish, but as with Jackie Tillman in his previous fight, once Stracey has them on the run they go. A right that landed flush on the jaw, and Mason was in trouble.

. The American buckled at the knees, took another left hook, out went his gumshield, he tried desperately to hold on to Stracey in order to keep himself upright, but John shook him off, and he fell to the canvas.

Mason tried hard to rise in time, but couldn't do so as referee Roland Dakin counted him out, with just 25 seconds of the fourth remaining.

Mason's seconds carried him back, to his corner, and it was a short time before he was ready to leave the ring.

A cool, calculated and competent victory by Stracey.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS
(As of June, 1974)

HEAVYWEIGHT
Champion
Danny McAlinden (I)

1. Joe Bugner (E)
2. George Chuvalo (C)
3. Bunny Johnson (J)
4. Richard Dunn (E)
5. Billy Aird (E)
6. Les Stevens (E)
7. Rocky Campbell (Ant.)
8. Wendell Newton (B)
9. Fonomanu Sekona (Fiji)
10. Mani Vaka (T)

CRUISERWEIGHT
Champion
John Conteh (E)

1. Chris Finnegan (E)
2. Maxie Smith (E)
3. Roy John (W)
4. Pat McCann (E)
5. Johnny Frankham (E)
6. Gary Summerhays (C)
7. Ronnie Wilson (C)
8. Baby Boy Rolle (B)
9. Greg McNamara (A)
10. Steve Cansdell (A)

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Tony Mundine (A)

1. Kevin Finnegan (E)
2. Bunny Sterling (J)
3. Battling Laavassa (Samoa)
4. Alan Minter (E)
5. Alipate Korovou (T)
6. Monty Bentham (NZ)
7. Ray McGrady (A)
8. Fred Etuati (Samoa)
9. William White (Samoa)
10. Dave Downey (C)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Hector Thompson (A)

1. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
2. Pat McCormack (I)
3. Des Morrison (J)
4. Eric Briggs (NZ)
5. Johnny Summerhays (C)
6. Leo Young (A)
7. Matt Ropis (A)
8. Jim Melrose (S)
9. Joey Singleton (E)
10. Sam Ryder (A)

WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)

1. John H. Stracey (E)
2. Elisha Obed (B)
3. Eddie Blay (G)
4. Marshall Butler (C)
5. Bunny Grant (J)
6. Fernand Marcotte (C)
7. Rocky Mattioli (A)
8. Peter Cobblah (G)
9. Trevor Francis (J)
10. Wayne Bannister (A)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Charkey Ramon (A)

1. Nojim Maiyegun (N)
2. Larry Paul (E)
3. Carlos Marks (T)
4. Donato Paduano (C)
5. Pongi Lie (T)
6. Si Nomura (Samoa)
7. Matt Conovan (Tr)
8. Kevin White (E)
9. Tom Imrie (S)
10. Frank Young (I)

LIGHTWEIGHT
Champion
Percy Hayles (J)

1. Ken Buchanan (S)
2. Manny Santos (NZ)
3. Jim Watt (S)
4. Jonathan Dele (N)
5. Colin Cassidy (A)
6. Andy Broome (A)
7. Billy Waith (w)
8. Alan Buchanan (S)
9. Milton Cooper (A)
10. Saoul Mamby (Tr)

FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion
Evan Armstrong (S)

1. Art Hafey (C)
2. Bobby Dunne (A)
3. Toro George (NZ)
4. David Poison (G)
5. Love Allotey (G)
6. Jimmy Bell (S)
7. Jimmy Revie (E)
8. Bingo Crooks (J)
9. Alan Richardson (E)
10. Vernon Sollas (S)

BANTAMWEIGHT
Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)

1. Johnny Clark (E)
2. Paddy Maguire (I)
3. Dave Needham (E)
4. Sulley Shittu (G)
5. Fred Burns (A)
6. Guinea Hillier (A)
7. George Turpin (E)
8. John Mitchell (S)
9. John Kellie (S)
10. Brian Clout (A)

FLYWEIGHT
Champion
Big Jim West (A)

1. Henry Nissen (A)
2. John McCluskey (S)
3. Brian Roberts (A)
4. David Natta (Zambia)

Legend: An Antigua; A Australia; B Bahamas; C Canada; E England; Fi Fiji Islands; G Ghana; Gu Guyana; In India; I Ireland; J Jamaica; M Malta; N Nigeria; Nz New Zealand; S Scotland; T Trinidad; To Tonga; W Wales; BH British Honduras; Z Zambia.

Another Britisher who did a quick job on an American was Vernon Sollas, Edinburgh, 127½, who stopped Phil Hudson, 126½, referee Roland Dakin intervening with two seconds left of the second round after Hudson had been decked for nine.

This was a one-horse race. Hudson hever proved any kind of opposition, and after Sollas had taken the opening session to sum up the situation he moved in quickly, dropped his man with a short right for six, floored him again with a left, with Hudson getting up immediately, but the American was soon down again for nine, from a left hook.

Billy Williams, West Ham, 173½, avenged his only defeat by outpointing Johnny Wall, Shoreditch, 175½, over eight by 80-78. Six weeks earlier Wall had won on points.

This time Williams made no mistake. Placing his punches methodically, rarely wasting any, providing most of the aggression, and although Wall was always fighting back, it was a losing battle.

Wall was cut on the bridge of the nose, and Williams' left jab was a decisive factor in his victory. There were frequent toe-to-toe exchanges, and the score-line, indicating that Williams had won every round, did not meet with everyone's approval.

Surviving an eight count in the fourth, Billy Taylor, Bethnal Green, 128½, stormed back to stop Martin Galleozzie, Merthyr, 130¼, in six.

Taylor had a swelling around the eye in the opening session, which had almost closed at the finish.

Early on Galleozzie took several rights on the jaw that threatened to floor him, but he shook them off to come right back, and it was Taylor's turn to be in trouble.

However, Taylor fought his way in front again in the fifth, and turned on the pressure in the following round, with

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ALONG THE VBA TRAIL

By SCOOP GALLELLO

VBA PRESIDENT

The association of ringside physicians held their Third Annual Symposium on medical aspects of boxing in June at Knoxville. Moderator, Dr. Max Novich of Perth Amboy, N.J.: Nutrition for boxers was discussed by Dr. Robert Gross: Head injuries, Dr. Ira ComcCown: Sternal injuries, Irving Thorne: Athlete's kidneys by Dr. Harry Kleiman: Hand injuries, Dr. John Duff: Duties of the cornerman, Angelo Dundee.

IVBA Ring #26, Schenectady, N.Y. . .announce Nov. 2nd as the date for annual banquet at the Shaughnessy Hall in that area. Honoring Jackie Fields, Lou Ambers, Tony Zale and Sammy Angott. For tickets and other information contact Sec'y Tony Messina, R.D. 1, Middle Grove, N.Y. 12850.

Ring #56. . .Syracuse, is holding its annual Dinner Dance on Sept. 14th at the Le Moyne Manor in Syracuse, N.Y. Honoring Jersey Joe Walcott. Tickets can be obtained by contacting John Antonacci, 128 Lamson St., Syracuse, N.Y.

Dr. Richard You. . .Member of the U.S. Olympic Committee as well as the International A.A.U. Boxing committee, is doing a great job promoting the sport in Honolulu.

Jimmy O'Gatty. . .Former welterweight contender of the 1920's is residing in Hollywood, California. He is a member of the Screen Actors' Guild, and is in constant touch with most of the West Coast's former leatherslingers. He is a brother of the late Packey O'Gatty, and between them they raised a fistic storm in their respective weight classes.

The recent story in all the newspapers about Mickey Walker, former great champion, gave the average reader the wrong impression about him. His first thoughts would be that Walker was found in a state of drunkenness, which is far from the truth. Mickey has not touched "the hard stuff" for a good many years. The article also stated that Mickey was on "Government Subsistence", which makes it appear that he is on welfare, which he is not. His income, though not large, comes from a pension as a liquor salesman. He was a great fighter, and today is a great and proud gentleman. When he was found, it was noted that his back pocket was slashed, and he had a large lump on the back of his head. A mugging victim. Charlie Gellman, the savior and true friend of the boxing fraternity as well as a former boxer and the Director of Jewish Memorial Hospital had Mickey moved from a Brooklyn Hospital to his domain in N.Y.C. where he has been treated like the royalty he is.

Chuck Davey. . .Former welterweight contender, who is the Michigan State Boxing Commissioner, will be honored by the International VBA at their Annual Convention Oct. 18-19-20. Hosted by IVBA Ring #101, and held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore, Md.

Jerry Casale. . .Dedicated member of IVBA Ring #34 of Wanamassa, New Jersey, passed away suddenly.

Ring #32. . .of Detroit held 8th Annual Banquet in June at the Pontchartrain Hotel in that area. Honored were Eddie Futch, trainer of Joe Frazier, and James Brode, Golden Gloves promoter. Committeemen were Prexy Tom Briscoe, Johnny Lebow, Jim Cullen and Let Philbin.

Charlie Gellman. . .Director of Jewish Memorial Hospital and a former pugilist, is responsible for the very successful Jewish Memorial Banquet held recently. Attending from the fight crowd were Ruby Goldstein, Solly Seeman, Phil Terranova, Mickey Shaw, Jack Dempsey, Jimmy Colotta, Irv Silverman, Larry Ritchie, Jo Handley and your reporter.

Julius Mayer. . .and his spouse recently celebrated 30 years of wedded bliss. Julius is the Treasurer of #8, New York.

Rocky Rossano. . .Former boxer from Brooklyn, N.Y. now residing in Highland Falls, N.Y. recently retired from the U.S. Army after a 23 year active-inactive stint. His wife Eleanor works at the P.X. at West Point, while Rocky toils for the Post Office in Suffern, N.Y. The Rossano's have 2 children, Patti, age 9, and Joey, age 6, who recently won his first ring contest. Strange as it may seem, Patricia is the big fight fan in the family.

Birthday congrats to Blanche O'Conner, wife of IVBA Treasurer Jimmy O'Conner, also Bobby O'Keefe Jr. grandchild of your reporter who just made 4 years. Happy birthday also to John Antonacci former prexy of IVBA #56 of Syracuse.

Chester Rico. . .Former lightweight contender recently moved out of his Bronx apartment to the sunny climes of Las Vegas, Nevada where he is employed as a security guard at one of the big hotels. Chester is a member of Ring #30 of Westchester County and #8 of N.Y.

Patsy Spataro. . .recently held a Junior Olympic Boxing Tourney at the Trenton, N.J. Patsy is very active in teaching youngsters the art of fisticuffing.

Jimmy Cassia. . .Onetime sparring partner to light-heavyweight king Bob Foster, is now the gold pro at the Chateau D'Vie Country Club in Spring Valley, N.Y.

Ralph Giardano. . .A Bronx N.Y. undertaker is reportedly primed for the next spot as deputy boxing commissioner with the N.Y. State Commission.

Petey Hayes. . .Former good pugilist from Brooklyn, N.Y. is promoting a combined boxing and wrestling show at the Regina Youth Center in Brooklyn.

Mike Prudenti. . .Member of #8 of N.Y.C. is in the Real Estate business, and is rumored to have the inside track for the sale of Muhammad Ali Clay's Cherry Hill estate. The going price is $210,000.

Gunboat Smith. . .Former great ring warrior is now residing with his daughter Mrs. Charles O'Donnell in Florida.

Babe Orlando. . .Veteran boxer from New Jersey recently lost his daughter, on the same day that Larry Ritchie-Treasurer of Ring #8 of N.Y. lost his mother.

The Westchester County Ring #30. . .Recently held 9th Annual Dinner-Dance at the Parkway Casino in Tuckahoe, N.Y. Inducted into the Boxing Hall of Fame of Westchester County were (posthumously) Phil Mercurio who boxed fellows like Tony Galento and James J. Braddock; and Joe "Iron Horse" Sturino. Sturino boxed with a carnival and participated in 3 to 4 bouts a night, taking on "all comers".

Sam Markowitz former fisticuffer from Brooklyn was presented with the "Luke Bauer Humanitarian Award". Certificates of appreciation for their aid to boxing were presented to Rose La Gamme and Jo Handley. Jo is the Prexy of the Ladies Auxillary of the IVBA. Dais guests were Paul Berlenbach, Solly Seeman, Phil Terranova, Tami Mauriello, Al Reid, Al Sparks Antonaccio, Bob Brandt, Tommy O'Toole. Guest speaker was Ring 30 and IVBA Attorney-Senator Joseph R. Pisani: M.C. chores by Jimmy Vee Bevacqua, while acting as Toastmaster was former boxer and #8 Secretary George Rugg. Veteran boxers appeared from Syracuse in the person of Billy Harris, John Antonacci and Carl Sorenson: From Schenectady came Tony Messina and Jim Boedecker: New Jersey visitors were Jim O'Conner who is IVBA Treasurer, Jimmy Krugg and a host of other fistic celebs. Ira Knaster member of #31 of Florida gave the invocation as well as the benediction.

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BUCHANAN FINALLY KILLS ITALIAN JINX VS. BRITONS

By J. A. TREE

ROME, Italy—Since the end of the war, 10 British fighters have travelled to Italy in hope of bringing back a European crown for their country. There were Wally Swift, Des Rea, Walter McGowan, Johnny McCluskey, Derek Lloyd, Terry Allen, Johnny Glencross, Johnny Pritchett, Bunny Sterling and Chick Calderwood. All lost and some of these boys got a very rough deal.

Now at last, Ken Buchanan has broken the spell by winning the European lightweight crown, kayoing Antonio Puddu in six rounds in the Saint Elia Stadium, Sardina. Promoter was local bar proprietor Salvatore Cuboni, who, for one reason or another, announced four previous dates for the match leaving Buchanan like a puppet on a string and costing the Britain unnecessary expenditure for his preparation.

Puddu paid dearly for these postponements and he may well retire after this defeat. The Italian, shaken and bleeding from a cut right eye, was dropped to the canvas by a right. Puddu made his feet but German referee, Kurt Halbach took the count to ten.

28-year-old Buchanan, still chasing his lost world title, got 50,096 Swiss francs for his pounding of Puddu. Buchanan is Britain's fourth European champion. Joe Bugner, heavy, John Conteh, light heavy, and Johnny Clark, bantam, were already ruling Europe.

Lothar Abend, European junior lightweight champion, made a voluntary defense against undefeated Sven Erik Paulsen, Norway. The German collected his largest purse to date but left Oslo without his title.

A left and right hook decked the southpaw German in round two, and after taking a couple of standing counts in round three the referee, Italian Bertini, called a halt when Abend was decked again.

The bout lasted just eight minutes and 29 seconds. I have no record of any other boxer from Norway having ever won a

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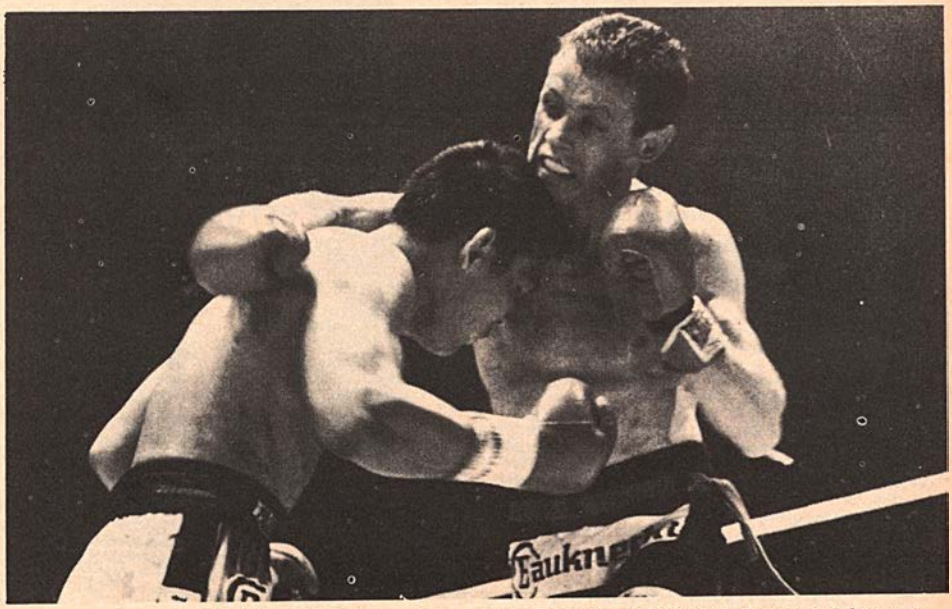

Chartchai Chionoi of Thailand (left) bores in as Fritz Chervet of Switzerland curls a right over Chionoi's back. Chionoi received a split decision after 15 rounds, thus retaining his WBA flyweight title.

EUROPEAN RATINGS
(As of May 20th, 1974)

Heavyweights
* Joe Bugner (GB)
1. Jose Urtain (S)
2. Bepi Ros (I)
3. Mario Baruzzi (I)
4. Rudi Lubbers (H)
5. Conny Velensek (G)
6. Bernd August (G)
7. Hartmut Sasse (G)
8. Dante Cane (I)
9. Freddy Dekerpel (B)
10. Jan Lubbers (H)

Light Heavies
* John Conteh (GB)
1. Karl Heinz Klein (G)
2. Rudiger Schmidtke (G)
3. Tom Bogs (D)
4. Aldo Traversaro (I)
5. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
6. Leo Kakolewiez (G)
7. Erik Nussbaum (Switz)
8. Sergio Janilli (I)
9. Robert Amory (F)
10. Renzo Grespan (I)

Middleweights
* Jean Claude Bouttier (F)
1. Gratien Tonna (F)
2. Fabio Bettini (F)
3. Elio Calcabrini (I)
4. Mario Almanzo (I)
5. Luciano Serti (I)
6. Franz Czandl (A)
7. Poaul Knudsen (D)
8. Germano Valsecchi (I)
9. Sauro Soprani (I)
10. Mario Romersi (I)

Junior Middles
* Jacques Kechichian (F)
1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Johann Orsolics (A)
3. Fighting Mack (H)
4. Jose Duran (S)
5. Francis Vermandere (F)
6. Domenico Tiberia (I)
7. Aldo Bentini (I)
8. Alberto Torri (I)
9. Marcel Giordanella (F)
10. Peter Scheibner (G)

Welterweights
* Roger Menetrey (F)
1. Domenico DiLorio (I)
2. Jacques van Mellaerts (F)
3. Max Heibesen (Switz)
4. Mario Scano (I)
5. Giuliano Nervino (I)
6. Germain Lemaitre (F)
7. Mimoun Mohatara (S)
8. Gonzalez Dopico (S)
9. Georges Perrot (F)
10. Walter Blaser (Switz)

Junior Welterweights
* Tony Ortiz (S)
1. Bruno Arcari (I)
2. Roger Zami (F)
3. Cemal Kamaci (T)
4. Jorgen Hansen (D)
5. Piero Ceru (I)
6. Tommaso Marocco (I)
7. Ernesto Bergamesco (I)
8. Bernard Creto (F)
9. Giorgio Braconi (I)
10. Fernando Sanchez (S)

Lightweights
* Ken Buchanan (GB)
1. Antonio Puddu (I)
2. Nedo Fabbri (I)
3. Ugo Di Pietro (I)
4. Leonard Tavarez (F)
5. Efisio Pinna (I)
6. Dominque Azzaro (F)
7. Perico Fernandez (S)
8. Enzo Pizzoni (I)
9. Manuel Calvo (S)
10. Giuseppe Carbonara (I)

Junior Lightweights
* Sven Erick Poulsen (N)
1. Lothar Abend (G)
2. Ugo Polo (I)
3. Jean Piedvache (F)
4. Erkki Nikkinen (Fin)
5. Giovanni Girgenti (I)
6. Mario Redi (I)
7. Miguel Molleda (S)
8. Domingo Jimminez (S)
9. Felix Brami (F)
10. Mario Sanna (I)

Featherweights
* Gitano Jimenez (S)
1. Elio Cotena (I)
2. Enzo Farinelli (I)
3. Tony Sassarini (I)
4. Bruno Pieracci (I)
5. Daniel Vermandere (F)
6. Michele Siracusa (I)
7. Ramiro Suarez (S)
8. Ramiro Marichal (S)
9. Rodolfo Garcia
10. Nino Jiminez (S)

Bantamweights
* Johnny Clark (GB)
1. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
2. Franco Zurlo (I)
3. Guy Caudron (F)
4. Bob Allotey (S)
5. Ambrogio Mariani (I)
6. Jacky Bihin (F)
7. Jose Luis Ottero (S)
8. Luigi Tessarini (I)
9. Ferdinando Ripamonti (I)
10. Antonio Zenza (S)

Flyweights
* Fritz Chervet (Switz)
1. Fernando Atzori (I)
2. Emilio Pireddu (I)
3. Franco Sperati (I)
4. Dino Contemori (I)
5. Mariano Garcia (S)
6. Franco Udella (I)
7. Altero Marini (I)
8. Christian Martin (F)
9. Giuseppe Mura (I)
10. Dominique Cesari (F)

***European Champion**
Legend: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; Fn Finland; G Germany; GB Great Britain; H Holland; I Italy; L Luxembourg; Ny Norway; S Spain; Sd Switzerland; Sw Sweden; Y Yugoslavia.

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DORIAN BEATS SENNETT IN NEW ENGLAND FEATURE

By DON HAMILL

Boston, Mass. — A sparse month saw shows in several cities, barely enough to whet the fistic appetites of the fans. One show, a light heavyweight bout in Waterbury was canceled late when it was learned that Ned Edwards was under suspension in his home state of New York. He was slated to tangle with Chico Santos. No substitute was available. The results during the month were as follows:

▲**Waltham** — Former stablemates and sparring partners, Don Sennett, 143, Waltham, and Kevin Dorian, 139, South Boston, headed the Connelly brothers presentation. Kevin closed Sennett's right eye in the second and in the final session Sennett's left eye was cut. Wary of Don's hefty left hook Dorian counterpunched well to earn a unanimous eight round decision.

Paul Osborne, 155, Lowell, stopped the once promising Johnny Coiley, 162, Somerville, in the seventh round of the co-feature. Coiley was on the floor three times in the fight and Referee Johnny Pretzie wisely called a halt when a left hook deposited Coiley on the deck for the third time. Jackie Smith, 153, Brockton, a boxer with promise disposed of Joe Houston, 155, Lowell, in the third round of a sixer. Tommy Connors, 135, South Boston, launched a comeback by getting a four round decision over Ralph Lopez, 143, Lowell. Jose (Pagon) Rivera, 144, Lowell, filled in as a last minute sub and had his hands full, although he gained a unanimous decision over tough John Lipomi, 145, Lowell, who turned pro.

▲**Portland** — Larry Butler, 147, Portland, holder of the New England welterweight title, was impressive in whipping veteran Doug Charles, 155, New York, with a clear cut ten round decision. Butler took every round, alternately punching to head and body, jabbing with precision, and raking Charles with uppercuts and left hooks. Charles was never off his feet but was staggered in the eighth session.

Bob Richard, 140, Portland, returned to action after a six month layoff, to battle to a ten round draw with Jose Resto, 135, New York, in an interesting contest. Macka Foley, 191, Portland, knocked out Charley Scott, 190, New York, in the first round of a scheduled six spot. Ivelaw Eastman, 154, New York, proved too wily for Ricky Burgess, 151, Waterville, and walked off with a decision win after six stanzas. Bobby Pompeo, 144, Portland, took a four round decision over L. C. Marks, 147, New York, in the curtain raiser.

▲**Worcester** — Paul Poirier, 154, New Bedford high school student, trounced former New England welterweight title holder, Al Romano, 152, North Adams, in an eight rounder. Because of Poirier's age, he is 16 years old, the bout was limited to two minute rounds. The youngster took every one of the eight rounds, jabbing the shorter Romano at will and dropped him with a right to the jaw in the seventh heat.

Phil Hudson, 128, Portland, was awarded a split decision over Jose Resto, 132, New York, in the eight round co-feature. The fans roundly booed the decision. Juan Colon, 141, Lowell, scored a two round knockout over L. C. Marks, 144, New York. John Lipomi, 141, Lowell, held Ricky Craney, 139, Portland, to a six round draw. Craney had control of the fight except for a knockdown in the second round. Bob Pompeo, 145, Portland, experienced no trouble stopping an inept John Henderson, 146, New York, in the second heat.

▲**Brockton** — Tony Petronelli, 140, East Bridgewaterl and the highest ranked New England fighter at the present time, continued his winning ways by stopping Cruz Ramos, also 140, New York, in the seventh round. The first four rounds were fairly even but in the fifth Petronelli began getting through Cruz' defense. Ramos was dropped in the sixth and twice in the seventh before Referee Tommy Rawson called a halt.

Marvin Hagler, 157, Brockton, easily battered last minute substitute, James Redford, 162, New York, into submission in the second round. In a pleasing six round bout, Frankie Davilla, 147, Hartford, gained a split decision over Hugo Velasquez, 138, New York. Angelo Rosa, 130, New York, eked out a close four round decision over Frankie Vega, 126, New York.

▲**West Hartford** — Larry Butler, 146½, Portland, retained his New England welterweight title against Bob Gutridge, 140, Somers, by a twelve round decision. After a close first round, Gutridge, an inmate in the minimum security prison at Somers, began a savage body attack that gave him an edge in each round through the tenth. The body attack slowed Butler to a walk. He was unable to hold off Gutridge and was forced to do a lot of holding. Butler rallied to pull the fight out by taking the last two rounds. The decision by the referee, Hughie Devlin, the lone arbiter, did not set well with the fans.

Frankie Davilla, 146½, Hartford, outhustled Kevin Dorian, 145, South Boston, in the six round semi-final to take a decision that many thought Dorian had earned. Phil Hudson, 132, Portland, scored three knockdowns in copping a clear cut six round duke over Danny Fryman, 132, Lowell. Jessie Bender, 157, Somers, edged Paul Osborne, 155, Lowell, in a good action bout. Howie Hall, 188, West Hartford, scored three knockdowns to stop Jimmy Roberson, 187½, Somers, in the first round. Steve Toomey, 145, Waterbury, scored a final round knockdown to edge southpaw, Lee Green, 140, Somers, in the four round opener.

▲Changes in the Massachusetts Boxing Commission have Bob Gallagher replacing Eddie Urbec and Manny Aronis is the new chairman. . .Jimmy McDermott, former Holyoke light heavyweight fully recovered from disc surgery and now working as a guard at the Hampden County Jail in Springfield. . .Long time friend Bill Gore reported badly hurt in an automobile accident in Florida. . .Cece Roy of New Bedford may be the area's first woman boxing promoter.

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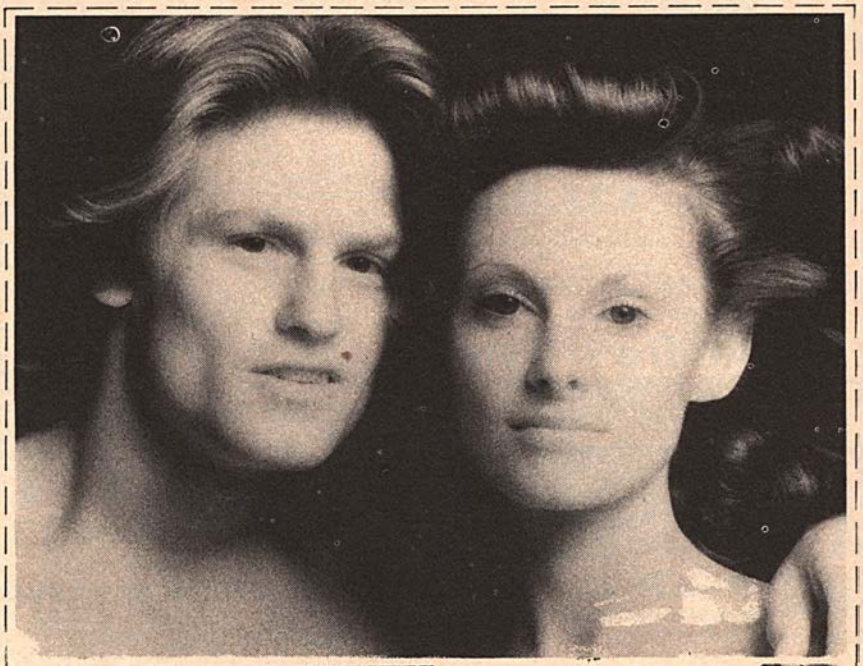

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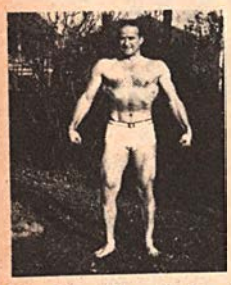

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A curious threesome stand in the corner of Elisha Obed, the 22 yr. old junior middleweight boxing at Miami Beach with promoter Chris Dundee hoping to close a title fight within the next year for this aggressive, smooth boxing lad.

Mike Dundee, son of Chris is the manager, 31 years old and a mod dresser, who is 9 years older than the fighter. . .Moe Fleischer is Obed's trainer, 42 years older than Dundee. Jack Sharkey, now residing in Epping, New Hampshire and busy making fishing lures—has a grandson playing football at Maryland. . .where does the time fly? Al DeRose, Chicago former featherweight, hit the age of 75 yrs. and looks in good shape. . .Al had over 400 bouts in 23 years inside the hemp. . .The Rev. Chuck Johnson, 23, son of Harold Johnson, who held the 175 pound title in 1963, is the newest recruit in the City of Philadelphia's fight against gang violence—the young minister delivered a sermon at Mother's Day services recently at the Allen A.M.E. Church in that city. . .Had a chat with Paul Cardoza, New Bedford, Mass., light-heavyweight, who toils as a "lab technician" at the Tobey Hospital in Wareham, Mass., for his bread and butter. . .Paul is a smart boy—with a lot of class, and always gives his best, once the bell rings. . .Cardoza was a sparring partner for Joe Frazier, when the Philly battler prepped for his return with Muhammad Ali!. . .Mickey Davies, San Diego fight promoter, just passed his 55th milestone. . .Jersey Joe Walcott resigned as Sheriff of Camden County, N.J., to take a $20,209 per year state job as director of special programs for the Department of Community Affairs to work chiefly with youngsters. . .Fight manager and top trainer, Angelo Dundee has a son Jimmy who is a sophomore at the University of Florida. . .Ageless fight promoter, George Parnassus was honored recently by the Cauliflower Alley Club, with a birthday party. . .George Small, ex-New York middleweight, owns a boxing school in the Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Commercial Blvd. Small, in the opinion of his late manager, Sol Gold, was destined to win a title but he never did. . .Bobby Boyd, seen on television many years ago when boxing dominated the tube, now is a Brink's guard in Seattle. . .Congratulations to California heavyweight Henry Clark on the birth of his first daughter, Yolanda Fay, he has three sons. . .now Henry will have to fight more frequently—he'll need the money. . .Emory Chapman, the 1974 National Golden Gloves and 1973 National AAU heavyweight champion and a pre-med student at Nevada-Reno, is contemplating turning pro later this summer. . .Kid Chocolate, who was dubbed "Cuban Bon Bon" was really Eligio Sardinias—and he was managed by Luis Guitieriez. . .When Jay Edson refereed the world bantamweight fight between Eder Jofre and Fighting Harada in Tokyo on May 17th, 1965, he was paid $28.80. . .which amounted to 10,000 yen in Japanese currency, but they did pick up his hotel tab and plane fare. . .Pat Davey, son of former welter contender, Chuck, now chairman of the Michigan Boxing Commission, is making his niche in sports as a long distance runner. . .N.Y.C. fight fans are beckoning for Miami Beach light-heavyweight Jimmy Scott to display his fistic wares in Gotham. . .but Mendoza Group, sponsors of Jimmy, are in no hurry for a trek north with their socker. . .Gale Kerwin, fine boxer of not too many years ago, is now an Alderman in his native Ottawa, Canada and looks like a good bet to be Mayor in a few years. . .Beau Jack, former king and now back shining shoes at Florida's Fountainbleau Hotel in Miami Beach is 53 years old and looks like he did when he was the champ. . .Too bad that Lee Prlia and Jackie McCoy a couple of nice guys and top boxing managers on the West Coast, are at odds. . .the split came over Rodolfo Gonzalez, the lightweight who had a piece of the title at one time. . .Sammy Angott, former lightweight champion, is dead at the age of 60 in Tucson, Arizona. . .he was named to boxing's Hall of Fame only recently. . .The Washington State Athletic Commission cancelled a Reco Brooks-Ron Lyle fight for Seattle "because the under-card was not strong enough". . .the real reason is they discovered Brooks cannot be licensed in California and a couple of other states. . .Denny Moyer, for a lad of 34 looks as good now as he did at 19, when he boxed Don Jordan for the title. . .John Nolen, top boxing writer for the Oregon Journal in Portland, has temporarily deserted the boxing beat to handle the "public relations" for the new football team in the W.F.... the Portland Storm. . .It is always great to hear from old Evil Eye Finkle, who is based in Florida and jaunts daily to the gym to look over the gladiators. . .and give his professional evaluation of each. . .Finkle has worked with champions from bantamweight to heavyweights. . .Vinnie Curto deserted Florida rings to return to Boston and work out under his father's tutelage. His ambition is to come down to the middleweight limit. . .Marcel Clay on the comeback trail, and winning of late. . .this youngster was a fine looking prospect but he had trouble with cuts. . .maybe he can make it back big yet. . .Sam Silverman hoping to close a big fight in Boston before this summer is out. . .Sam has a couple of young prospects in Tony Petronelli and Marvin Hagler, who are not too far away from mingling with the best in their division. . .Former German heavyweight Willi Besmanoff, was guest speaker at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes —Father-Son cookout at Orlando, Fla., the other day. . .Willi campaigned in U.S. rings for years after he deserted the Fatherland—and always gave a good account of himself. . .Bennie Briscoe has moved himself right back into title contention. . .when and if champ Carlos Monzon finally decides to hang 'em up, as with Monzon on the throne, not many contenders have a chance, this guy hasn't lost a fight in over 10 years. . .Joey Giambra, former middleweight socker, is now toiling at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, dealing black-jack. . .George Randazzo is the bloke who handles the public relations for Chicago middleweight Rocky DiFazio and he does an outstanding job in getting the "releases" on Bobby Salerno's fighter out to the press. . .Irish Johnny Coiley's comeback attempt went phfft—he was stopped by so-so Paul Osborne at Waltham, Mass. . .here was a kid who was destined for stardom, but poor handling and his attitude, were the downfall of the fighter. . .Frank Tomaso, manager of veteran welterweight Eddie Perkins who has had 90 pro fights, is still looking for a shot at the king for his tiger. . .and it better be soon, as Perkins certainly isn't getting any younger. . .At Tucson, Arizona they have their gyms full of boxers training every day. . .most of them are from Mexico, where they raise some good boys. . .Veteran boxing trainer, Lou Gross is back home. . .after spending some time at the Mt. Sinai Hospital at Miami Beach. Muhammad Ali back up at Deer Lake, Pa., getting ready for the biggest one of his career—with trainer Angelo Dundee telling me that he will have Ali ready and they will be the champ again. . .then he will retire. . .legs are the important thing. . .as Ali has the style to beat Foreman—but he's got to have the legs to go the distance if he needs to. . .Turned down for a license by the California commission, Rocky Hernandez was granted one by the Arizona Commission. . .Mel Epstein can't seem to keep his middleweight Mike Nixon in the gym—shows up one day—full of vim and vigor, then isn't seen for 3 or 4 more days. . .you can't get a fighter in shape that way. . .Art Ramalho of Lowell, Mass. is building up quite a stable of biffers in that New England area. . .he can be reached at the West End Gym in that city. . .John McCafferty has forged to the front as a top boxing manager in the Mid-West. . .fine man. . .and a gentleman is McCafferty—no relation to the coach of the Detroit Lions pro football club. . .Lou Viscusi would like to have his champion, Bob Foster box two more times this year, with his title on the line. . .Vern Stevenson, the old battler of Canada, now a successful businessman in Ottawa, is running boxing shows in Hull, P.Q.—he has a lot of good talent up there. . .Is it true that George Parnassus will team up with Attorney Paul Caruso to offer monthly fistic cards in the Sports Arena in Los Angeles? Is that the reason George took over the late Suey Welch's suite in the MacArthur Park Elks Bldg. after Forum Boxing, Inc., closed their office there?? Vito Tallarita has teamed up with Tony Paoli and Benny Singleton and is running monthly boxing shows at Waterbury, Conn. . .and in Hartford, Vito and Manny Leibert offer the fistic talent for the fans. . .Charles Gellman, who boxed under the name of Chuck Halper in the 30's, has come to the aid of former middleweight champ, Mickey Walker, who passed out on a Brooklyn street from lack of medication. . .Mickey has everything he needs, he has medi-care, social security and receives a pension from National Distillers, and Gellman had Mickey placed in the Jewish Memorial Hospital, where he is receiving top care. . .Foreman throws shots from all over the place and is relatively easy to hit. . .Donato Paduano was down to Miami Beach (to the factory) prepping for a return to the ring wars while there Paduano worked out with Marcel Clay—Lou Gross is now training Canadian welter, Lawrence Hafey, brother of ranked featherweight Art, who is doing his knuckle tossing on the west coast. . .Duane Bobick is the lad getting the publicity—but his "kid brother" Rodney is the guy I like best—Rod seems to possess a little more natural ability.

CARROLL WHIPS CARDOZA AND IT IS UNANIMOUS

By JIM LEO

Scranton, Pa. — Hal Carroll, Syracuse, N. Y., light-heavyweight, in his first bout in 1974, gained a unanimous decision over Paul Cardoza, of New Bedford, Mass., in a 10 rounder. Carroll was able to penetrate the taller Cardoza's defenses, scoring with body punches.

Cardoza, New England light-heavy leader, just could not get set against the busy Carroll. Carroll, 174, Cardoza, 175. Referee Dick Woerhle, scored it 46-45, judge Andy Mihal, 50-40, and judge Stan Kolly, 46-44, all for the Syracusan.

Carroll's record rose to 29-8-1, while Cardoza's slipped to 22-7.

In another ten rounder, Domenico Monaco, Italy, via New York, proved a popular winner over veteran New Yorker Billy Wade. Monaco, 130, stopped Wade, 129, with a 9th round TKO.

Monaco dropped Wade in the ninth with a good flurry. On arising and not looking fit, Referee Joe Salci, halted the punishment at 2:36.

In the third ten rounder, John "Dino" Dennis, 205, Providence, R.I., was a unanimous decision winner over Brian O'Melia, 201, Jersey City. Dennis, unbeaten with a 14-0-1 record, showed more offensive power than his gutty opponent.

Referee Woehrle scored it 48-42, while judges Mihal had it 50-37 and Kolly, 50-41.

Larry Holmes, 206, Easton, Pa., dropped Howard Darlington, 209, Philadelphia, three times in a scheduled six, prompting Referee Joe Salci to halt it after the third knockdown, at 2:23 of the fourth. Holmes is now 8-0.

▲Former world welterweight champion Billy Backus, made his third journey to Paris, this year and was victorious. Tony Graziano's hard fighting Backus registered a sixth round TKO over European junior middleweight titlist, Jacques Kechichian.

Billy, popular with the Parisians, dropped his foe three times in the fifth, and Kechichian, did not answer for the following round. Backus, 149, Kechichian, 152. Billy's record is now 38-17-4, Kechichian, 25-6-2.

Backus, successful in French rings thus this year has recorded stoppage wins over French titlists, Zami, and Kechichian, while dropping a disputed 12 round split decision to European welterweight king Roger Menetrey.

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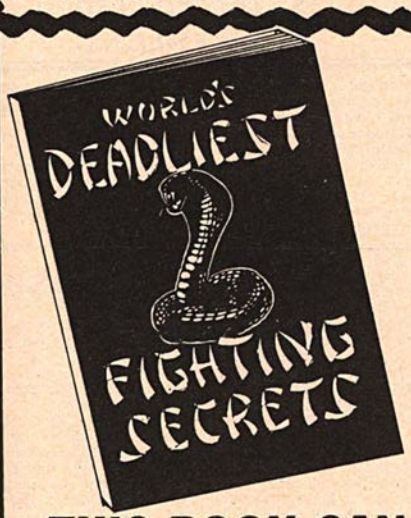

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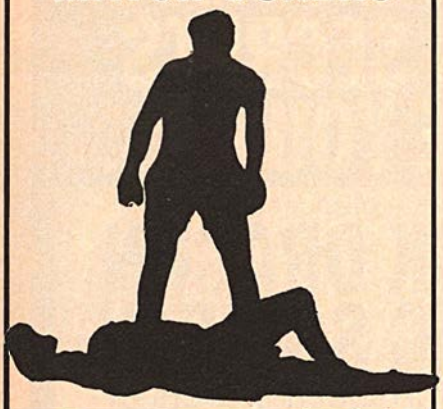

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ARGENTINA FINDS WBC "EDICT" ON MONZON GOOD LAUGH

By SIMON BRONENBERG AND ALFREDO PORZIO

Buenos Aires, Argentina — Boxing fans in this country are getting a big laugh at the pronouncement of the World Boxing Council, operated by Ramon Velasquez that he had shorn Carlos Monzon of the middleweight championship of the world.

However, Mr. Velasquez has given this country good laughs in the past. Results of recent fights in Argentina:

▲**Concepcion del Uruguay** — Middleweight Esteban Osuna kayoed Carlos Reato in round three.

▲**Mendoza** — In the junior light division Juan I Vedia kayoed Manuel Lopez in six rounds.

▲**Rio Cuarto** — Argentine and South American champion in the light heavy class Victor Galindez kayoed Ruben Gonzalez in 3rd. (Non title)

▲**Rio Cuarto** — Welters: On the same night welterweight Rogelio Zarza kayoed Mario "Hammer" Miranda in six rounds in an impressive bout—Lights: Juan C. Ochea outpointed Pedro Acosta in six rounds.

▲**San Francisco** — In the light division Pedro Torres kayoed Carlos Casor in 10th round.

▲**Junin** — Lightweight Carlos Rios in a referee no decision with Juan Arevalo in six rounds. Abel Funes kayoed Luis Valdez in seventh in the light division.

▲**Cordoba** — Middleweight Hugo Saavedra beat Juan "Yanny" Garcia in 10 rounds.

▲**Cordoba** — Lightweight Miguel Maldonado beat Angel Olea in 10.

▲**Resistencia** — In the feather class Florencio Soto whipped Roberto Arevalo in six rounds.

▲**Resistencia** — Feather Domingo Casco kayoed Ramon Ojeda in second round.

▲**Victoria** — In the junior light class Hugo Bidyeran kayoed Rafael Souza in 10th round.

▲**Santa Fe** — Hugo Flores kayoed Roberto Barrientos in fourth. They are bantams.

▲**Santa Fe** — Undefeated junior welter Daniel Gonzalez beat Ramon Perez on points in 10.

▲**Salta** — Lightweight Carlos Ibanez beat Oscar Barrios in 10.

▲**Salta** — Oscar Tapia outpointed Angel Roman in 10. (Lights.)

▲**Villaguay** — Feather Juan J. Noguera beat Luis Ibarra in six.

▲**Rio Tercero** — Welter Francisco Lopez whipped Luis Dominguez in 10 rounds.

▲**Plaza Huincul** — In a referee decision Humberto Guzman beat Juan C. Obregon in six rounds.

▲**Zarate** — Number 1 in the official feather Argentine rating, Ramon Gonzalez kayoed Pedro Ariza in six.

▲**Neuquen** — Good prospect in the welter class Miguel Angel Campanino kayoed Luis A. Diaz in six rounds.

▲**Concepcion** — In the middle class Orlando Nasul beat Eliseo Nieva in 10.

▲**Formosa** — In the light class Julio Alegre whipped Felipe Britez in 10 rounds.

▲**Concordia** — In middle class Juan Carlos Bogado and Rodolfo Rosales drew in 10.

▲**Pehuajo** — In the fly division Rodolfo Rodriguez kayoed Jose Izquierdo in 3rd.

▲**General Roca** — In the welter class Gregorio Martinez beat Nestor Vitalini in eight rounds.

▲**Bahia Blanca** — Argentine junior welter champion Carlos M. Gimenez kayoed Rudy Bolds, from United States in six rounds. In the fly division Manuel Munoz won over Miguel Lazarte in six.

▲**Salta** — In the fly class Jose Flores and Miguel A. Velez drew in 10.

▲**Resistencia** — In the light class Ramon Duarte won over Angel Diaz from Bolivia in 10 rounds.

▲**San Juan** — In the heavy class Hugo Quinteros kayoed Ruben Lopez in second round.

▲**Paso de Los Libres** — South American light junior champion Victor Etchegaray kayoed Carlos Martinez in six.

▲**Santiago del Estero** — In the bantam class ex-Argentine champion Jose Casas beat Carlos Cordoba in 10 rounds.

▲**Chubut** — In the feather division Juan D. Malvarez kayoed Andres Abalos in third round.

▲**Villa Calzada** — In the light class Gregorio Villavicencio kayoed Sergio Maldonado in fourth round.

▲**Posadas** — In the middle division Octavio Escauriza and Ramon Vallejos drew in 10 rounds.

▲**Villa Maria** — In the light class Ramon Moreyra beat Venancio Gonzalez by points in 10 rounds.

▲**Tunuyan (Mendoza)** — Undefeated middleweight Hugo Corro kayoed Ruben "Chingolo" Martinez in five rounds. Welters: Pedro Bazan kayoed Carlos Taborda in five.

▲**Buenos Aires** — By Luna Park promotion but in the Nueva Pompeya Club, Mario Guilloti and Juan A. Aranda drew in 10. (Welters)

▲**Rio Cuarto** — In the light class good prospect Jorge Gomez won over Marciano Tura on points in 10.

▲**Cordoba** — Welter Rodolfo Madriaga kayoed Luis A. Bais in second round. Bantams: Julio C. Saba whipped Marcos Urquiza in 10 rounds.

▲**Carcarana** — In the middle division Angel Gusmaroli kayoed Rafael Armoa in second round.

▲**Parana** — Argentine middle champion Antonio Aguilar outpointed Miguel A. Duro in 10. (Non title) Ramon Perez won over Dante Rossi in 10 in the same class. Light-heavies: Estelio Franco kayoed Juan A. Flores in round three.

▲**Mendoza** — In the welter class Rene Pereyra kayoed Oscar Flores in 5th. Welters: Manuel Gonzalez won over Francisco Fernandez by disqualification in seventh round. Argentine junior light champion and Miguel A. Coria drew in 10 in a non title bout.

▲**Ressitencia** — In the fly class Carlos Escalante beat Diego Vega Ramirez from Paraguay in 10 rounds.

▲**San Carlos de Bariloche** — In the fly division Carlos Laciar won Felix Gonzalez by points in 10.

▲**Curuzu-Cuatia** — In the welter class and the future Argentine champion in his division Miguel Angel Campanino beat Mario Delgado on points in 10 rounds.

▲**Salta** — In the middle class Roberto Marcialli and Armando Vicente drew in 10.

▲**Villa Mercedes** — Welter Luis Dominguez kayoed David Lopez in 10.

▲**Concepcion** — In the middle division Orlando Miranda whipped Domingo Guerrero in 10 rounds.

▲**Venado Tuerto** — Undefeated and Argentine representative in the Olympic Games of Munich in the light heavy class Miguel Angel Cuello kayoed Ivan Rojas in second round.

▲**Buenos Aires** — In the junior welter division undefeated Walter Gomez, Olympic representative in Munich, kayoed Francisco Lopez in 10th round.

▲**Gualeguay** — In the junior welter division Ramon Tevez beat Hector Caceres in 10 rounds.

▲**San Pedro** — In the fly class Carlos Leyes kayoed Jose Arias in 10th.

▲**Resistencia** — In the welter division Miguel A. Fernandez won over Eraclio Sena by disqualification in seventh round. Welters: Alejandro Caceres beat Epifanio Pavea in 6.

▲**Villa Maria** — In the junior welter division Julio Paletta kayoed Omar Zarza in eighth round.

▲**Huinca Renanco** — In the light division Angel Olea kayoed Waldino Dimitroff in five rounds.

▲**Santa Fe** — In the middle class Jacinto H. Fernandez kayoed Virgilio Fernandez in first round. Welters: Ceferino Morales beat Raul Ariza in 6; Welters: Juan A. Merlo kayoed Juan C. Barraza in fourth round.

▲**San Salvador de Jujuy** — In the light class South American champion Victor Echegaray kayoed Miguel Maldonado in eighth round.

▲**Salta** — In the middle division Gianni Mingardi, from Italy, outpointed Gregorio Navarro in 10 rounds.

▲**Corrientes** — In the middle division Oscar Campagna won over Juan A. Aydar in 10.

▲**Formosa** — In the light division Marciano Tura and Julio Alegre drew in 10.

▲**Santa Fe** — Jose Filippi beat Felipe Britez in 10. They are lights.

▲**San Juan** — In the light division Rolando La Hoz kayoed Alberto Sanchez in six. Feathers: Roberto Aballay won over Alberto Rodriguez in 6. Feathers: Juan Reyes beat Martin Lobo in six and lights: Carlos Vedia won over Martin Debia in 6.

▲**Carmen de Patagones** — In the welter class Juan J. Giminez (brother of the Argentine welter jr. class Carlos Gimenez) kayoed Carlos Quiroga in five rounds. Lights: Miguel A. Gutierrez kayoed Jose Martino in 7th.

SURPRISED BY JACKSON RIGHT IN SECOND, LICATA TAKES CUBY OUT IN SEVEN

By RAY COLLINS

Houston, Tex. — Surprised by a looping right hand in the second round, American middleweight champion Tony Licata used his staccato left jab to batter Cuby "Top Cat" Jackson into submission after seven rounds in the Houston Music Theatre.

Boxing might not be considered a cultural endeavor by some but the manner in which the 158½-pound Licata disposed of Jackson certainly didn't disgrace the environment in which Pete Ashlock's first promotion here as director of Texas Boxing Enterprises was held.

The clean-cut 22-year-old from New Orleans was every bit as sharp as his high world ranking would indicate.

After the first two rounds, in which Jackson, 158¼, tried for an early knockout, Licata used his heralded left hand to keep the native of Detroit off balance.

Blood began to show on the visible mouthpiece of Jackson in the third round, the result of those rapid-fire lefts from which he could not escape.

The 30-year-old Jackson began to slow down somewhat in the fourth round as the taller Licata continued to come on with fast fists.

By the sixth round the crowd was yelling for Licata to knock Jackson out and get it over with. When the seventh rolled around, Top Cat's left eye was almost shut from the constant pounding and there was no question in anybody's mind but what Licata had picked up his 41st victory and 18th knockout to go with the three draws, which mar his otherwise perfect record.

Jackson could not come out for the eighth round as referee Chris Jordan raised Licata's arm in victory.

The loss was the fourth against 15 wins and two draws for the 10th ranked Jackson, who said prior to the fight that it would be his last as a middleweight before dropping back into the welterweight ranks.

Undoubtedly, Licata made him more certain than ever that his judgement was sound.

The other two 10-rounders were equally entertaining. Johnny Boudreaux (196), the popular former amateur champion, won a courageous but unpopular split decision over tough Cliver Wright (196), the 1972 Olympic representative from Jamaica.

It was Boudreaux's first 10-round bout and he extended his record to 8-0 despite suffering a lengthy gash over his left eye in the fourth round.

In the 10-round opener between Houstonian Melvin Dennis (146¼) and Roy Barrientes (146½) of Fort Worth, Dennis won by a split decision.

The former Texas Golden Gloves champions went at each other hammer-and-tong throughout and Dennis was hard-pressed to withstand a late rally by Barrientes. Dennis is now 13-5 as a pro.

Jorge Rodriguez (146) of San Diego scored a seventh-round TKO over Manuel Torres (150), also of Houston, in the scheduled eight-round finale.

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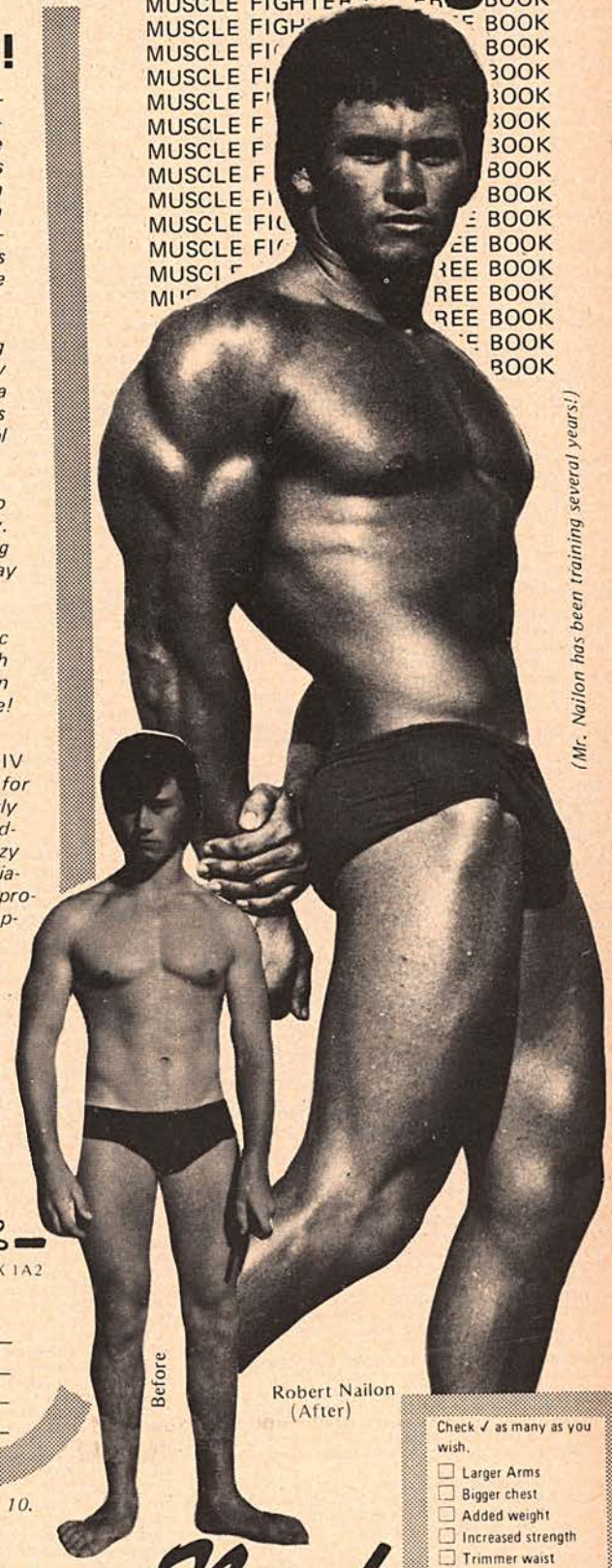

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THE BRITISH ISLES

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Galleozzie tiring rapidly. Hooks and uppercuts put the Welshman down, and although he rose unsteadily at eight referee Bob Galloway intervened.

Eddie Neilson, Swindon, 207½, knocked out Peter Freeman, Bolton, 207, in three. When they met previously Neilson won in four.

This time a right to the jaw did the trick. Freeman was completely "out," and was taken to hospital, but was later said to be O.K.

Al Stewart, Burscough, a late substitute, knocked out Alan Jones, Merthyr, 140¾, in the first round with a right to the body. They punched away for a minute in fine style, then southpaw Stewart, conceding height and reach, landed a beauty.

Jones took the count on his knees, with all the wind knocked out of his body.

▲**Twentieth Century Sporting Club, Southend** — Jim Devanney, Bradford, 149, beat Alan Hardiman, Hemel Hempstead, 147, who sustained a cut by the right eye, and retired at the end of the sixth.

Hardiman didn't show up too well at the start, but gradually improved, and after Devanney had impressed with accurate left jabbing, Hardiman was driving his man back with good body shots when the end came.

The injury required three stitches.

Toni Mikulski, Portsmouth, 218, beat John Celebanski, Bradford, 194, (both are of Polish descent), who was ruled out in the fifth for alleged misuse of the head.

Mikulski looked ahead at the time, and showed plenty of aggression. He scored frequently with his left lead, and Celebanski incurred one warning before being ruled out.

Steve Angell, Hemel Hempstead, 145½, comfortably outpointed Dennis Harbon, Bradford, 146½, over six by 59½-58. Harbon was decked for eight in the last round.

Harbon had a good fourth round, and did well considering he had taken the fight at a few hours' notice. He said afterwards he had been training to meet an orthodox opponent, but instead had to tackle a southpaw.

▲**Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester** — Maurice Hope, Hackney, 155, knocked out John Smith, Glasgow, 156, in the second after decking him in the opening session.

In the second Smith was again floored with a right and left to the body, claimed he had been hit low, but was counted out in the act of rising. When they met previously Hope won on points.

Nobbins of £10 were tossed into the ring after debutant Joe Lally, Liverpool, 140, outpointed George Salmon, Stoke, 149, over six "twos" in which the action never ceased. Score 59-58½.

Lally, from the Alan Rudkin stable, kept punching away, but was sometimes off-target. Salmon boxed neatly, and it was an excellent match in which many fans would have settled for a draw.

Ray Holdcroft, Stoke, 138, stopped Dave Wraxall, Manchester, 137½, in the fourth after flooring him four times. Referee Ken Maynard wisely intervened when Wraxall was being freely, punished to head and body.

Each had won one of their previous two meetings.

Roger Aldis, Doncaster, 137½, outscored debutant Dave Ward, Manchester, 137, by 59½-58 over six. A good start by Ward, even though he lost.

▲**Executive Sportsmans Club, Port Talbot** — Substitute Mike Manley, Pontypool, 163, outpointed debutant Carl Speare, Liverpool, 163, over eight by 79-78½. It was tough on Speare, topping the bill in his first paid fight, but the original top-liner of Brian Jones and Derek Simpson had to be cancelled when Jones fell ill.

Former Commonwealth Games Bronze Medallist Speare showed the patrons some good boxing, and quite a bit of aggression. But in the end it was Manley's experience that paved the way for victory.

However, the closeness of the scoreline indicates how the fight went, and the verdict was not unanimous with ringsiders.

Dave Ward, Manchester, 141, outscored Charlie Wallace, Merthyr, 138, by 60-57 over six, and Ward's win was quite conclusive, taking the fight to his opponent throughout.

Deubtant John Depledge, Bristol, 200, drew with Lloyd Stewart, Sheffield, 190, over six. Stewart kept on the move, but when he did manage to pin his man down Depledge punched hard.

▲**National Sporting Club, London** — Pat Thomas, Cardiff, 148½, repeated a previous points win over Central Area welter champ Mickey Flynn, Manchester, 149, by outscoring him over eight by 80-77.

Thomas tried hard to get to grips with his opponent, but Flynn backpedalled and when they did get close Mickey wouldn't allow Pat to work. The fact that Flynn is a southpaw didn't help matters.

As Thomas showed a willingness to go forward and landed more scoring punches he rightly got the verdict.

Steve Foley, Bedford, 185, outpointed Tony Blackburn, Tonyrefail, 188½, over eight by 80-78, but many members didn't see eye to eye with this verdict.

Admittedly it was a difficult bout to judge, with too much clinching, and a lot of missing on both sides.

Alun Trembath, Tonyrefail, 130, confirmed a previous win by beating John O'Rawe, Belfast, 130, who retired at the end of the fifth with a cut over the left eye.

▲**Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham** — Tony Poole, Kerrering, 148, gained the most important victory of his career by outscoring former British Junior welter champ Des Rea over eight by 79-77½.

The experienced Rea is 30 years old and has had over 50 bouts, but still possesses the know-how to confound his younger opponents. Also, he is a southpaw, but Poole was taller and able to reach his man with long lefts.

Poole started by taking the fight to his opponent, and although Rea defended well he was not able to contain Tony, who kept throwing punches from both hands.

Rea had success in the fourth, when Poole was floored briefly, and also did well at close-quarters, but Poole deserved his win in this action-packed contest. Both had eye injuries.

Jim Devanney, Bradford, 148, outpointed Dave Moore, Grimsby, 154, by 79½-77½ over eight, and was the better of the two in an uneventful bout.

John Laine, Grimsby, 156, was too good for Mick Evans, Bournemouth, 155¾, outscoring him by 59½-58½ over six. Being shorter, Evans did his best to keep it close, but Laine used his heavier punch to keep his man at bay.

It was good to see George Biddles, who managed World featherweight champion Hogan Bassey, back in action again. He has been in retirement, but always said he would resume if he found a good prospect. His heavyweight Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 190, was outpointed in his debut by John Celebanski, Bradford, 198, over six by 59-58½.

Many thought Fenton deserved a draw, but manager Biddles appeared well satisfied with his boxer's performance.

▲**St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow** — John Kellie, Glasgow, 123¾, won a close verdict over Bashew Sibaca, South Africa, 119, outscoring him by 78½-78 over eight hectic rounds.

The contest was notable for the body-punching tactics by both men. This is a part of the anatomy and target-area which is often neglected, and it is difficult to understand why.

However, Kellie and Sibaca banged away at each other, with the Scot impressing with good left-hand work in the first half. The South African came into his own as Kellie eased slightly, but there was quite a bit of wrestling, and both went through the ropes.

Sibaca spoilt matters by incurring warnings for hitting with the inside of the glove, also for misuse of the head, but kept up the pressure until the end, with Kellie quite willing to punch it out.

Derek Simpson, Kilmarnock, kayoed Scottish welter champ Alan Reid, Edinburgh, 149½, in three. In two previous bouts they had won one each, Reid was down twice in the second, and a right to the body, which Reid afterwards claimed was in the kidneys, put him down in the third.

He fell to his knees and was counted out with his forehead on the canvas.

In a bout where both men threw punches throughout, Herbie McLean, Edinburgh, 138, beat Alan Salter, Peckham, 141½, who got a cut left eye, bringing a stoppage in the sixth and final session.

Debutant Rab Affleck, Irvine, 176, beat Mickey Jay, Eltham, 168, who retired at the end of the third with a damaged hand.

▲**World Sporting Club, London** — American Jimmy Young, 199¾, made his third appearance at this venue, and is still unbeaten here. First he drew with Billy Aird, then stopped Richard Dunn, and this time he easily outpointed Les Stevens, Reading, 194¼, over ten by 99½-95½.

A right to the body decked Stevens in the ninth, he was cut over and under the left eye, and never really in this fight, although he tried desperately hard.

The taller Young was always able to dictate matters, and although Stevens bustled around, both hands working, the harder punches came from Young, and some of the latters right hands shook the Britisher.

After being floored, Stevens kept on the move in the final round to prevent Young from following up his advantage, but the simple story of this fight is that the American was too good for Les.

Trevor Francis, Basingstoke, 150, stopped Alan Tottoh, Manchester, 149¾, in five. There were no knockdowns, but Tottoh was cut by the left eye, and very much on the receiving end when referee Harry Gibbs intervened.

Both punched hard, but Francis' body blows particularly slowed him up. The latter bled from the hose, but kept banging away with both hands until Tottoh ran completely out of gas.

Tommy Dunn, Reading, 135, outpointed Jimmy Fairweather, Clapham, 144¼, by 60-56 over six. Fairweather fought his usual game fight and threw a lot of punches, some of which were effective, but Dunn boxed well, jabbed accurately and when his chances came made the most of them.

Surviving his opponent's big punches, Dunn kept on top of his man, and gradually Fairweather tired. His mouth was cut and in the last couple of rounds had to take some hard rights and lefts as Dunn piled it on.

Barry Harris, Manchester, 127½, drew with Billy Belnavis, Wolverhampton, 129½, over eight. Too much holding marred this one, and warnings were issued to both men. Not a contest to be remembered.

▲**Civic Hall, Wolverhampton** — Larry Paul, Wolverhampton, 152, retained his British light-middleweight title by comfortably outpointing Kevin White, Wells, 153¼ over 15 rounds by 149-146½.

It was the first defence of the title Paul won last September, and although he took it easily enough there were few occasions when he showed his power of punch.

Instead, he seemed content to box his way home, jabbing accurately with his left, and allowing his opponent to do the chasing.

This White did nobly, and the challenger never gave up trying to get on top. Alas, Paul's counter-punching piled up the points, and the best White could do was win a couple of rounds and share half a dozen others.

Paul's best period came in the middle rounds, when White was caught with a few stiff punches to the head. The latter sustained cuts by the eyes and bled from the nose, but continued to press forward hopefully.

Full marks to White for durability, but the injuries worsened, and he earned praise for an all-out effort in the last couple of rounds, which came too late to make any difference in the result.

Bingo Crooks, Wolverhampton, 129, repeated a previous victory by beatimg former British featherweight champion Tommy Glencross, Glasgow, 130½, who retired at the end of the fifth with a broken bone in his left hand.

The retirement made no difference to the ultimate result, for Crooks was in control, and boxes skillfully to fully earn his victory.

As time went on, Crooks was able to increase the tempo, and there were moments when Glencross seemed to despair of trying to get through his opponent's defences.

Crooks had no trouble with Tommy's southpaw stance, and was able to get home with jabs and hooks to the head, also bringing into play an effective uppercut.

Billy Smart, Corby, 129, punched too hard for Joey Gilbert, Leeds, 130, winning on points over six "twos" by 60-58.

Dave Nelson, Wolverhampton, 164, made it three "quickies" in a row by stopping Johnny Cox, Northampton, 169, in five.

Cox was making his paid debut, and was decked in the fourth.

Mick Lock, Croydon, 160½, avenged a previous loss by outscoring Peter Mullins, Wolverhampton, 162½, over six "twos" by 59½-58. Mullins was well on top in an unspectacular fight.

▲**Premier Ring Sporting Club, London** — Les Pearson, Pontefract, 151, looked fortunate to beat Henry Rhiney, Luton, 150¼, who got a cut on the left eyelid, causing the bout to be stopped in the seventh.

Pearson, a former contender for the British welter crown, is not the force he was, but caused a shock by dumping his man on the convas in the first round.

But this was to be his first and last success. Rhiney recovered, took another round to size his man up, then proceeded to take charge of the proceedings.

Rhiney jabbed effectively with this accurate left, and Pearson had to call on all his experience to keep his man at bay.

Alun Trembath, Tonypandy, 130, outscored Joey Gilbert, Leeds, 130, over six "twos" by 59-58½. Trembath forced it, but met with stubborn resistance, and this was a close verdict.

David Fry, Southampton, 208, seemed a bit unlucky to obtain only a draw against Kenny Burrell, Worksop, 206, in their six-rounder. In their four previous meetings two were drawn and Burrell won the other two on eye injuries. This series cmuld go on forever.

▲**West Of England Sporting Club, Bristol** — Al Stewart, Ormskirk, 143½, outpointed experienced Jimmy Fairweather, Clapham, 144, over ten "twos," by 98-97.

A good scrap, with Stewart on top early on, then tiring, having to fight back fiercely in order to hang on to his lead. The fans enjoyed this all-action affair.

Keith Nugent, Stoke, 157, outpointed Mickey Evans, Bournemouth, 156, over eight "twos," by 79-77½. Another good fight, with Nugtnt landing more scoring punches.

Dave Ward, Manchester, 140, stopped Charlie Wallace, 136, Merthyr, in the fifth.

Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 182, protege of manager George Biddles, outscored John Depledge, Bristol, 202, over six "twos" by 59½-58½.

▲**Norbreck Castle, Blackpool** — Central Area lightweight champion Billy Hardacre, Liverpool, 126, impressed in outpointing Clive Hogben, Kettering, 125, over eight by 80-76½.

Hardacre is among the top six FEATHERWEIGHTS in Britain, but lost the Area title at the weight to Alan Richardson twelve months earlier.

Against Hogben it was a case of experience being the vital factor. Hardacre only took a couple of rounds to size up the situation, and thereafter was always in command.

He was full of aggression, and although southpaw Hogben showed up well early on, he faded somewhat, and had to resort to holding on to keep out of trouble.

Steve Hill, 172, Blackpool, outpointed Pat Thompson, Liverpool, 177, by 80-77½ over eight. A good win for Hill in only his second bout, a repeat performance against Thompson, who was handicapped by an eye injury.

Bob Murphy, Manchester, 160, beat Charlie Richardson, Liverpool, who retired in the fifth. Murphy did well to overcome a cut over the left eye, and kept banging away until Richardson had obviously had enough.

Kevin Evans, Hemel Hempstead, 136, gained a six-rounds points win against Ray Holdcorft, Manchester, 137, by 59¾-59.

▲**Cliffs Pavilion, Westcliff, Southend** — Billy Aird, Liverpool, 1995, got back in action again after only one bout in six months to outpoint Lloyd Walford, Chesterfield, 186, who had been out of the ring for even longer, over a year.

The points margin was 79-78 over eight, but it was a scrappy affair, both men obviously affected by ring-rust, especially in the early stages.

There was too much holding, but Aird's right hooks were much in evidence, causing Walford to clinch.

Both were warned for infringements at the half-way stage, and things became a little tidier as a result. From then on Aird jabbed more accurately and finished strongly, whereas Walford tired and had to defend desperately in the final session.

A great all-action affair saw Batman Austin, Tottenham, 164, outscore Mick Hussey, 163, by 79½-78½ over eight. Hussey was floored in the second round of this "nobbins" encounter.

Steve Angell, Hemel Hempstead, 145, kept his unbeaten record by stopping substitute Tommy Joyce, Doncaster, 149, in the fourth after being himself floored in the opening session.

In this all-southpaw clash fortunes fluctuated, with Angell recovering well after being decked, Joyce being cut over the right eye, floored twice in the fourth from left hooks, and with his eye injury worsening, referee Arthur Howard intervened.

Victor Attivor, Chana, 178, outscored Walter Pearce, Newport, 186, over six by 60-58¼. Pearce was floored in the opening round.

Alex Tompkins, West Ham, 163½, outscored debutant Kevin Paddock, Southampton, 162, over six by 60-58. Kevin, whose brother Sid is a professional heavyweight, put up a game display, but Tompkins was the better boxer.

▲**Bull Ring Sporting Club, Birmingham** — Jim Devanney, Bradford, 149½, had Johnny Jennings, Birmingham, 148, down six times before referee John Coyle intervened in the fourth. Devanney's right hand was just too much for Jennings, who pluckily tried to give punch for punch and even got through with a few.

Devanney stayed cool, bided his time, and as Jennings neglected his defences, got home with hard rights which in the end proved too much for the courageous Jennings.

Debutant Tony Allen, Birmingham, 169¾, outpointed Dave Nelson, 168, by 60-58 over six. A comfortable win, but Allen was able to take it so easily that in the fourth referee Coyle told them to put more action into it.

Steve Gaze, Bournemouth, 133, gained a comfortable points win over Mike Warner, Farnham, 137, in an all-action scrap that brought "nobbins." Score 59½-58.

Peter Mullens, Wolverhampton, 161, put Alan Bursey, Bournemouth, 162½, on the deck in the third and jabbed his way to a clear points win by 59½-58 over six.

▲**Swansea Top Rank Suite** — Tony Davies, Llanbradach, 117½, kept his Welsh bantamweight title by stopping Tony Williams, Bargoed, 115½, in six.

Davies set a fast pace. Williams showed a good left jab in retaliation, and never looked in serious trouble, but referee James Brimmell the man nearest the action, decided Williams had had enough.

Glyn Watts, Llanelli, 144, outpointed Ray Fallone, Battersea, 144, over six by 59-58. Watts had been inactive for six months, and was down briefly in the fourth. But he jumped up immediately and never allowed Fallone another opportunity. Watts kept busier until the end, and was good value for his win.

Tony Fouweather, Newport, 128, drew with Alun Trembath, Tonyrefail, 127, six fast rounds. A good all-round preformance by both men, and a fair result.

▲**National Sporting Club, London** — Jack Dempsey was Guest of Honour at the Cafe Royal, and saw in action Eddie Neilson, a heavyweight after his own heart, a fighter who can punch.

Eddie, from Swindon, 209½, knocked out substitute Lloyd Walford, Chesterfield, 188½, in four after flooring him four times. It was the second time Neilson had stopped Walford, also in four.

Walford was warned frequently for infringements, and did a lot of backpedalling. It was just a matter of time before Neilson caught up with him.

With both men making their pro debuts, Ian Pickersgill, Doncaster, 138, outscored southpaw Alan Oag, Edinburgh, 133½, over six by 59½-58.

A fine contest between two youngsters anxious to work the whole time, Pickersgill shaking off a first-round assault by Oag, who was seconded by British and European lightweight champion Ken Buchanan.

Tony Blackburn, Tonyrefail, 186½, stopped Willie Connolly, Glasgow, 186½, in three. Willie stayed on his feet but was taking a bit of stick when referee Harry Gibbs intervened.

Tony Allen, Birmingham, 172½, outscored Billy Brooks, Kilburn, 170½, by 79½-78½ over eight. Not a fight to remember, but Allen as the more accurate puncher.

▲**Bedfordshire Sporting Club** — It was nothing short of the biggest upset of 1974 when Mario Stango, Bedford, 125½, floored former British featherweight champion Jimmy Revie six times before referee Sid Nathan intervened in the second round.

All this after Revie had started impressively in this all-southpaw clash. He waited for Stango to lead, then brought over his left to halt Stango's advance and force him to go on the defensive as Revie followed up his advantage.

Stanog then got back into the fight, and again took up the offensive. The punch that mattered was the first right hook, which put Revie on the floor for seven.

Everything that happened after was predictable, for Revie never recovered from that first punch, and the referee's intervention was inevitable.

Steve Gaze, Bournemouth, 135, outpointed Mike Warner, Farnham, 137½, for the second time in six days, score 60-59 over six. Like their first fight, an all-action affair, and this time the fans threw in "nobbins."

Manager George Biddles' new heavyweight prospect Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 188, stopped David Fry, Bournemouth, 203, in four. No knockdowns in this "survival of the fittest" slugfest, but referee Sid Nathan intervened when Fry was on the receiving end.

▲**Anglo-Ameican Sporting Club, Manchester** — Tim McHugh, Larkhall, 160, drew with Henry Cooper, Larkhall, 161¾, over eight. A hard fight, with Cooper jabbing accurately and moving well early on.

McHugh's best work was at close-quarters, when he was effective, but Cooper did his best to punch quickly, then get out of range. A good battle of tactics, with McHugh finishing strongly, in spite of finding it difficult to pin down his elusive opponent.

Dave Tuohey, Leeds, 127, beat Laurie Redfern, Liverpool, 127¾, who retired at the end of the fifth with cuts by both eyes.

Richard Scarth, Melton, 121, outscored John McKnight, Glasgow, 121½, by 79½-77½ over eight interesting rounds. The fans loved it, and "nobbins" worth over £20 were thrown into the ring.

Scarth relied on speed to pick up the early points, but once McKnight had found his range things began to even up. In the later stages Scarth had to fight hard to keep his lead, and McKnight was always trying to get on terms.

Dave Ward, Manchester, 137, outscored Tommy Naylor, Liverpook, 137¼, over six by 59½-58 to gain a comfortable victory.

▲**Shoreditch Town Hall, London** — Billy Taylor, Bethnal Green, 127, won a close one over George McKay, Edinburgh, 127¾, score 79½-79 after eight exciting rounds.

Both men worked hard for supremacy, Taylor showing plenty of aggression, both concentrating more on attack than defence, neither in any real trouble, except perhaps for a good fifth round by Taylor, when he shook his man with a two-handed attack.

Taylor was cut by the right eye in the following round, and McKay got a couple of censures for misuse of the head. Both jabbed well, and there were several blow-for-blow exchanges which made it a good bout to watch.

Although the referee's scoring of individual rounds is not permitted to be made public, only the final score-line, it looked as if everything could have depended on the final round, which Taylor appeared to win.

Eight in a row for John L. Gardner, Hackney, 202, who stopped John Celebanski Bradford, 200, in the seventh. Celebanski deserves a lot of credit for managing to last for so long, as Gardner was hitting him with every punch in the book, and quite a few that weren't.

Nevertheless, the Bradford man remained on his feet, until referee Roland Dakin took the merciful view and stopped it.

Joe Gregory, Mitchan, 162¾, decked Mick Hussey, Islington, 162½, in the seventh, and went on to take an eight-rounds points verdict by 80-77. Hussey came forward throughout, but Gregory was the better boxer and was able to pick him off as he came in.

Charlie Small, Kings Cross, 159½, gained full revenge for a previous defeat by outpointing Peter Cain, Notting Hill, 159¾, over six by 60-58½. A bit of a surprise, as Cain had been unbeaten in his nine bouts.

Small just kept coming forward and punching away with both hands, and it proved difficult for Cain to get his own punches together. Occasionally he scored with good right hands, but as he raised his pace so did Small raise his own. A fine scrap.

Mick Hampston, Lewisham, 141½, stopped Kevin Evans, Hemel Hempstead, 139¾, referee Mark Hart intervening in the third when Evans was cut on the left eyebrow.

GOLDEN GLOVERS POUR IT ON IRISH LADS, 8 - 3

By JOHN ORT

The New York Golden Glovers poured it on as they got sweet revenge in their return skirmish with another team from Ireland as they scored an 8 to 3 victory before an almost capacity turnout in the Felt Forum. . .The paid audience was 3,804 and the gross intake $22,965. . .The show had all the frills and furbelows that were apparent in their last skirmish but this time the New Yorkers took over and dominated the eleven bout card after they dropped the opening bout.

Paddy Noonan and his Irish band were there, with vocalist Martin Flynn. . .At half time the Generation Colleens, numbering three young ladies, did their bit in the ring, to the hand clapping of the audience. . .They also raffled off two gloves for the Mickey Walker Fund and ex-two time heavyweight king, Floyd Patterson, receiving a standing ovation, drew the winning number—two large boxing gloves.

The Golden Glovers came prepared this time and they had little trouble whipping their willing but at times inept foemen, who had done so well the last time. . .The best bout of the night was a wildcat spree between Harry Hayden, of Dublin, and Kevin Capobianco, in the 165 pound middleweight class, which was a real Donnybrook with Hayden gaining the duke.

Here's the results of the other ten skirmishes:

106 lb. Flyweights.

Paddy Aspill, Dublin, decisioned Gabe Perillo, Staten Island.

112 lb. Flyweights.

Anthony (Pee Wee) Stokes, decisioned Nail McLaughlin, Derry.

119 lb. Bantamweights.

Anthony Santana, Brooklyn decisioned John Finn, Tramore, Waterford.

125 lb. Featherweights.

Howard Davis, Jr., Glen Cove, L.I., kayoed Kenny Bruce, Eniskillen, Farmanagh, in round two.

132 lb. Lightweights.

Bob (Wild Man) Alexander, Brooklyn, kayoed Bob Redmond, Clonman, Tipperary, 1:05 1st round.

139 lb. Welterweights.

Christopher McLoughlin, Dublin, defeated Luis Rodriguez, Bronx.

147 lb. Welterweights.

Johnny Hayes, Bronx, stopped Seamus Doherty, Buncrana Donegal, 1:07 2nd Rd.

156 lb. Light Middleweights.

Ernie Johnson, New York, stopped Terry Reardon, Dublin, 2:41 1st Rd.

175 lb. Light Heavyweights.

Eddie Davis, Freeport, L.I., kayoed Greg Heraty, Tourmakeady, Mayo, 2:33 1st Rd.

Heavyweights.

Gregory Brazall, Bronx, decisioned John O'Malley, Carlow.

The referees were Dick Maguire and Randy Sandy. . .The judges were Steve Coffey and Tony Phillips. . .Jury of Appeal—Matt Cusack, Willie Byrne and George Holmes.

ACTION IN EUROPE

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European crown. Paulsen must be the first!

The large purse of DM 50,000 that tempted the German to Oslo will not compensate the damage done. Abend must now forget all about his world title fight with Kuniaki Shibata of Japan.

Gipsey Jimenez, Spain, European featherweight champion, had better luck than Puddu and Abend, retaining his crown by beating his six-year-older opponent, Elio Cotena, Italy, before a crowd of 3,000 at Zaragoza's Sport Palace.

With less than a minute left of the 15th and final round, the 23 year-old champion decked Cotena with a right cross to the jaw. The Italian, when falling struck his head on the boards and he was counted out.

The fight was fairly close at the time of the knockout. Jimenez won the vacant crown in 1973 and has since made a successful defense against Daniel Vermandere, France.

In Zurich, local European flyweight champion Fritz Chervet lost a close call to WBA world champion, Chartchai Chionoi, Thailand.

A near riot broke out when it was known that Chervet had lost on points with some of the 12,000 crowd storming the ringside throwing cushions, bottles and chairs into the ring.

American referee, Walter Cho, who has handled some 17 world title fights, took cover under the ring until he was rescued by the police.

Champion Chionoi, almost in tears, was manhandled by the crowd and knocked to the ground. His manager, Prayote Bisalputra, made it known that there will be no more trips to Switzerland.

Referee, Walter Cho and judge, Chua Chakskurakska, Thailand, voted for Chionoi 71-68 and 72-67, while the Swiss judge, Sepp Suter, saw Chervet in front by 74 points to 69.

Most newspaper scribes saw Chionoi as the winner. Chervet's best round was the 13th when Chionoi appeared to be in trouble.

When the result was announced from the ring there was a mention of a new champion over the microphone which led Chervet's supporters to believe that their man had won the world crown. It was this misleading announcement that caused the riot.

Frank Erne was Switzerland's last world champion. Born Jan. 8th, 1875 in Zurich, Erne won the world lightweight crown, outpointing George Lavigne over 20 rounds in Buffalo on July 3rd, 1899. Erne lost his title to Joe Gans in 1902. While holding the lightweight crown, Erne challenged Rube Ferns for the world welterweight title but was kayoed in nine.

Erne had only a couple of bouts in Europe with most being fought in America. Erne would turn over in his grave if he knew that Chervet collected 70,000 francs for this bout with Chionoi.

In Barcelona, European junior welterweight champion, Tony Ortiz, Spain, held on to this title beating Frenchman Roger Zami, who was taken out of the engagement by British referee, Sid Nathan, in round seven. Zami's left eye blew up in round five and was completely closed by the seventh.

In Paris, Billy Backus, USA, former world welterweight champion, beat European junior middleweight king, Jacques Kechichian, France, who failed to answer the bell for round six.

Backus was dropped by a left hook in frame two and a cut appeared under his right eye in the third. Southpaw Backus decked Kechichian in the fourth with a left to the chin and in the fifth, the Frenchman took three counts. The fight took place in the Gelaxy circus tent located on the outskirts of Paris.

In France there are 178 boxers on the Federation's register and in Italy there are some 343 boxers serving a couple of dozen promoters. German promoter Willi Schulz has staged ten shows since 1972 including four European and five German title bouts.

BELGIUM

▲**Brugge:** Lightweight. Fernand Roelandts beat Georges Fontaine, TKO5. Welterweight. Fredo Roelandts outscored Robert Bavent, eight.

SWITZERLAND

▲**Ghent:** Freddy Dekerpel, Belguim, outscored Jan Lubbers, ten, Rudi Lubbers, Holland, decisioned Jean Pierre Coopman, ten.

LUXEMBOURG

▲**Luxembourg:** Middleweight. Shako Mamba, Zaire, beat Jan Magdziarz, TKO4. Welterweight. Clemente Tsinza, Zaire, beat Kenny Webber, Britain, TKO3.

DENMARK

▲**Copenhagen:** 28 year old, Ken Buchanan, Scotland, former world champion, knocked out Joe Tetteh (35) Ghana, with forty seven seconds gone of round three. For Tetteh it was his seventh defeat and he may now hang up the gloves. Also on the card the five thousand crowd saw Briton, Bunny Sterling, decision Paoul Knudsen, Denmark, over eight rounds. Two officials made Sterling the winner with one voting for Knudsen. Sven Erik Paulsen, Norway, beat southpaw Mickey Flynn, Britain, who was disqualified in round four after a clash of heads with no one to blame . Hansen came out of the collision with a cut left eyebrow. Laurits Jensen, Denmark, outscored middleweight Joe Gregory, over six rounds.

▲**Panders:** Middleweight. Paoul Knudsen, outscored Sauro Soprani, eight. Welterweight. Joorgen Hansen beat German, Kurt Hombach, TKO6. Heavyweight. Bjorn Rudi, Norway, outscored Gino Martinis, Italy, six.

HOLLAND

▲**The Hague:** Junior middleweight. James Vrig, outscored Alfred Fries, Germany, six. Middleweight. Jo van der Broek, Holland, beat Kid Silent, Curacao, KO1. Light heavyweight. Sjeng Verstappen beat Ray Adonis, Ghana, KO2. Junior middleweight. Ben Zwerzerijen decisioned Oscar Ilunga, Zaire, eight.

▲**Rotterdam:** Light heavyweight. Sjen Verstappen beat Salko Brkic, Yugoslavia, TKO2. Junior middleweight. James Vrij beat Klaus Fuchs, Germany, TKO2. Middleweight. Jo van der Broek decisioned Freddie Boutellier, Belgium, six. Middleweight. Ben Nwerzerijen outscored Alfred Fries, Germany, six. Featherweight. Tahar Azziz, Morocco, beat Ivan Roesli, Holland, TKO7.

▲**Maastricht:** Light heavyweight. Sjimmy Verstappen beat Franklin Arrindell, KO3 to bring his score to seven wins and one draw.

ITALY

▲**Ancona:** Welterweight. Viadimiro Riga decisioned Johnny White, eight. Lightweight. Rocco Zecca outscored Augusto Quadri, eight.

▲**Reggio Emilia:** Dante Cane beat Armando Zanini, TKO10 to win the vacant Italian heavyweight title. Light middleweight. Bruno Fachetti beat Renzo Pontiroli, TK10. Featherweight. Pasqualino Morbidelli decisioned Abu Arrow, six.

▲**Cermora:** Welterweight. Giovanni Molesini decisioned Pietro Gasparri, eight.

▲**Gagliari:** Flyweight. Franco Udella outscored Altero Marini, eight. Featherweight. Giuliano Lai outscored Daniel Rodriguez Figueroa, eight. Bantamweight. Heleno Ferreira beat Antonio Realhini, Portugal, TKO4.

▲**Genoa:** Light heavyweight. Alde Traversaro beat Manuel Quintana Trujillo, Spain, who was disqualified in round six. Bantamweight. Salvatore Fabrizio outscored Paul Ikumpayi, Nigeria, eight. Junior welterweight. Giancarlo Usai beat Carlos Costa Rodriguez, Portugal, TKO3. Featherweight. Michele Siracusa beat Amleto Restano, TKO4.

▲**Novara:** Junior welterweight. Efisio Pinna decisioned Henri Nesi, France, eight. Lightweight. Vincenzo Quero decisioned Alfred DiSilvio, eight. Junior lightweight. Ugo Poli beat Albert Amatler, France, who was disqualified in round three.

▲**Udine:** Heavyweight. Bepi Ros beat Reco Brooks, USA, KO5. Mongol Ortiz, Mexico, decisioned Gino Martini, six.

▲**Milan:** Light heavyweight. Ennio Cometti outpointed Jean Tshikuna, Zaire, eight. Flyweight. Emilio Pireddu outscored Waldino Lopez, Spain, eight. Heavyweight. Lorenzo Zanon outpointed Lino Zanotti, six.

▲**Milan:** Domenico Adinolfi beat Ba Sounkala, Mali, KO6. Junior middleweight. Aldo Bentini outscored Adriano Rodriguez, Brazil, eight. Antonio Castelini decision Walter Guernieri, eight.

▲**Pordenome:** Middleweight. Juciano Bomben outscored Guerrino Cipriani, eight. Bantamweight. Franco Petrozzi decisioned Aldo Quaini, eight.

▲**Foligno:** Light heavyweight. Frnaco Feligon outscored Celso Calzi, ten. Lightweight. Ennzo Pizzoni beat Matthew Thomas. TKO2.

▲**Sabaudia:** Light heavyweight. Giancarlo Di Mannio beat Salko Brkic, Yugoslavia, TKO2.

▲**Milan:** Welterweight. Everaldo Costa outpointed Pascal Zito, ten. Middleweight. Germano Valsecchi beat Jose Sanchez, Puerto Rico, TKO2. Welterweight. Eddie Blay, Ghana, outscored Pietro Gasparri, eight. Junior welterweight. Giambattista Capretti decisioned Gianni Lamusta, eight.

▲**Ancona:** Domenico Di Jorio held on to his Italian welterweight title beating Vladimiro Riga, TKO5. Heavyweight. Vasco Fausthino, Brazil, decisioned Mongol Ortiz, Mexico, eight.

▲**Brescia:** Welterweight. Antonio Chiodoni decisioned Pierre Petit, France, eight. Lightweight. Carlo Frassinetti outpointed Ottavio Quaresmini, eight.

▲**Tarquinia:** Angelo Iacopucci beat Franjo Kovac, Yugoslavia, TKO3.

▲**Milan:** Lightweight. Antonio Puddu, Italy, beat Danny Fryman, USA, TKO3. Vicenzo Quero outscored Salvatore Spera, eight.

▲**Rome:** Gratien Tonna, French middleweight champion, beat Matt Donovan, Trinadad, in 2 minutes, 40 seconds with a left hook to the jaw. Donovan made his feet at eight but the third man called a halt. Tony Licata, USA, beat Roy McMillan, USA, ten. Light heavyweight. Aldo Traversaro beat Walter White, USA, KO4. Middleweight. Vicent Para, France, beat Mario Romersi who retired with a cut eye in the seventh.

▲**Milan:** Bantamweight. Ambrogio Mariani decisioned Franco Petrozzi, eight. Light heavyweight. Ivan Matekovic beat Alain Rivierre, France, TKO3. Junior light. Giuseppe Martucci beat Natale Vezzoli who retired with a cut eye in round eight.

▲**Rimini:** Junior welterweight. Giancarlo Usai beat Henri Nesi, TKO9.

▲**Ascoli Piceno:** Osvaldo Smerilli outscored Bruno Fachetti, eight.

▲**Viareggio:** Italian welterweight champion, Piero Ceru decisioned Giorgio Braconi, twelve to retain his crown.

SPAIN

▲**Zaragoza:** Fernando Sanchez decisioned Fernando Perez, holder of the junior welterweight title over twelve rounds and took the crown. Featherweight. Luis Aisa outscored Diaz Corochito, eight. Lightweight. Gomez Fouz beat Juan Pena, TKO6.

▲**Tenerife:** Junior welterweight. Perico Fernandez outscored Juan Sombrita Albornoz, TKO6.

▲**Tarrasa:** Featherweight. Antonio Guinaldo decisioned Santaengracia, six.

▲**Barcelona:** Lightweight. Gomez Fouz beat Santino Reali, Italy, KO4. Junior middleweight. Jose Pacheco beat Flash Patterson, Nigeria, TKO5. Featherweight. Antonio Guinaldo decisioned Antonio Donoso, six.

FRANCE

▲**Lyon:** Lightweight. Andre Holyk outsocred Paul Rourre, eight. Featherweight. Sergio Emil beat Albert Amatler, TKO4. Middleweight. Gerard Nosley outscored Eusebio Anani, ten. Gratien Tonna beat Dave Sugar Wyatt, KO1.

▲**Paris:** Welterweight. Georges Perrot beat Jean Cluade La Farge, TKO3.

▲**Berlaimont:** Lightweight. Luigi Renda beat Daniel Ringuet, TKO3.

▲**Sens:** Georges Warusfel beat Eusebio Anani, TKO6.

▲**Paris:** Bantamweight. Guy Caudron outscored Helenio Ferreira, eight. Junior middleweight. Jose Mendez outpointed Ruben Aricha, eight. Welterweight. Georges Perrot beat Jean Claude Lafarque, TKO3. Junior middleweight. Phillipe Girroti and Jean Claude Genno drew their six rounder.

▲**Courbevoie:** Bantamweight. Jackie Bihin beat Norbert Barriere, TKO4.

▲**Alfortville:** Junior middleweight. Jacques Kechichian, France, decisioned Ricky Ortiz, Puerto Rico, ten.

▲**Paris:** Welterweight. Georges Warusfel beat Adriano Rodriguez, TKO8.

▲**Annecy:** Welterweight. Yves Lefferand outscored Guy Vercoutter, ten.

▲**Conflans:** Featherweight. Gilles Debert outpointed Georges Fontaine, eight.

▲**Nouex:** Junior welterweight. Jean Claude Vanderbrecht outscored Siki Sow, eight.

▲**Paris:** Former world welterweight champion, Billy Backus, USA, beat European junior middleweight champion, Jacques Kechichian, France, the latter retiring at the close of round five. Backus was five years younger than his French opponent who is thirty six. Jean Piedvache, France, outpointed Renzo Bastistelli, Italy, ten. Max Cohen, France, beat Dennis Riggs, USA, KO2. Jose Rodriguez decisioned Gasparri, eight.

▲**Dunkirk:** Eduard Fuchs, Germany, outscored Bele Apolosa, Zaire, six.

GERMANY

▲**Lubeck:** A crowd of some thousand saw Jean Andre Emmerich, middleweight, beat fellow German, Peter Tombers, the third man calling a halt at the close of round eight after inspecting Tombers damaged right eye.

AUSTRIA

▲**Graz:** Italian middleweight, Domenico Tiberia drew a ten rounder with Shako Mamba, Congolese.

HEDGEMON LEWIS MAULS VACA IN 4 IN MEXICO

By EDWARDO AMER G.

Mexicali, Baja California — Hedgemon Lewis, 147, of USA, demolished Felipe Vaca, 147, in four rounds. Jorge "Alacrancito" Torres, 122, technically stopped Rafael "Tanquecito" Gonzalez, 118, in 8. Alfredo Gonzalez, 112, TKO'ed Vicente Villalbazo, 112, in three. Antonio Gin, 136, TKO'ed Clemente Perez, 135, in one.

▲**Merida, Yucatan** — Miguel Canto, 110, continued on his winning ways by outboxing Manuel "Cochul" Montiel, 110, in 12 rounds. Canto retained Mexican flyweight title for fifth time. Promising Gustavo "Guty" Espadas, 111, TKO'ed Roberto Alvarez, 111, in the tenth and last round of a thrilling slugging match. Jose Baquedano, 143, iced Ray Reyes, 145, in the very first round. Gaspar "Guero" Gongora, 115, decisioned Valentin Flores, 118, in 8. Mariano Garma, 109, TKO'ed Victor Peralta, 107, in 5.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Manuel Elizondo, 159, TKO'ed Raul Delgado, 160, in the twelfth and last round and became new Mexican middleweight king. Monroe Brooks, 137, of USA, TKO'ed Jose Angel Herrera, 135, in six. Rigoberto Riasco, 125, TKO'ed Jesus "Papelero" Estrada, 125, National featherweight champion, in four. Cesar Deciga, 118, bested Fernando Cabanela, 117, of Phillipines, in ten. Herminio "Loba" Ramirez, 170, TKO'ed Sabino Villaneuva, 176, in 5.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Victor Ramirez, 117, whipped Rene Navarrete, 117, in ten. Aureliano Castillo, 112, outpointed Felipe Gallegos, 112, in 8. Rosalio Badillo, 124, TKO'ed Hector Garcia, 123, in three.

▲**Salina Cruz, Oaxaca** — Jose Figueroa, 146, halted "Sugar" Sanders, 145, of Nicaragua, in four. Jose Chavez, 123, kayoed Julio Arce, 123, in 2.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Felipe Vaca, 144, defeated Gustavo Garcia, 146, in 12 rounds to retain Mexican welterweight. Memo Cruz, 133, TKO'ed Memo Hernandez, 126, in 3. Ricardo Hernandez, 127, TKO'ed Eleazar Morales, 126, in one.

RING CORRESPONDENT TOM EPHREM DIES

The Ring is sorry to inform its readers of the death of Tom Ephrem. He covered the Jacksonville, Florida area and occasionally went into Georgia to do an important event.

Ephrem was connected with this magazine for more than a quarter of a century. He was industrious, accurate, a boxing friend, if ever there was one. No task was too tough for Tom, no report ever swerved from the truth. He wrote it as he saw it.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Rafael "Pollo" Lopez, 129, TKO'ed David Garcia, 129, in 3, and he is the new Junior lightweight champion of Baja California Territory. Mario Roman, 135, KO'ed Guadalupe "Panterita" Romero, 134, in 3.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Esteban Chupin, 134, and Placido Avila, 134, fought an eight round no contest bout. Jesus "Marro" Vargas, 145, polished off Marcelino Lopez, 146, in one.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Arturo "Mulato" Zuniga, 147, outscored Jose Palacios, 147, in ten. Juan Pablo Oropeza, 134, beat Julio Mendez, 134, in 10. Jose Luis Hernandez, 135, gained Pablo Chavero, 134, in eight. Samuel Machorro, 110, TKO'ed Arturo Patino, 111, in five. Emeterio Garcia, 111, won over Fermin Vega, 111, in four.

▲**Aguascalientes** — Tarcisio "Famosito" Gomez, 117, knocked out Armando Villa, 118, in four. Sigfrido Rodriguez, 129, TKO'ed Perentino "Flash" Gallego, 128, of Phillipines, in four. Roberto Wong, 126, TKO'ed Babe Luna, 125, in 3.

▲**Tapachula, Chiapas** — Jose Manuel "Negro" Perez, 117, embalmed Rafael Varela, 117, in 8.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Eliseo Cosme, 118, and Antonio Leon, 118, technically drew in nine. It was a great fight. Santiago Hernandez, 117, nailed Severiano Mendoza, 117, in 4. Raul Valdez, 110, won from Joel Valdez, 111, in six.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Juan Alvarez, 112, TKO'ed Francisco "Trompo" Marquez, 112, in 10. "Turco" Leyva, 142, beat Juan Gonzalez, 142, in 10.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Vicente Mijares, 117, decisioned Humberto Alcala, 118, in ten. Juan Rodriguez, 116, halted Jose Luis Lopez Patino, 117, in four.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Gabriel Reynoso, 138, TKO'ed Luis Medel, 136, in two. Emilio "Cacha" Zamora, 122, won over Tomas Herrera, 124, in ten.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Ramon "Changa" Guillen, 119, and Guadalupe Chapa, 118, drew in ten.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Max Sanchez, 118, stopped Joe Gumede, 117, of South Africa, in eight. Antonio Kiris, 117, defeated Raul Tirado, 116, in ten. Ubaldo Torres, 126, TKO'ed Mario "Zurdo" Mendez, 125, in six.

▲**San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora** — Artemio Jeronimo, 118, and Rodolfo Chavez, 119, drew in ten. Julio Leal, 124, KO'ed Panchito Bueno, 124.

▲**Cuidad Delicias, Chihuahua** — Jose Luis "Frijol" Madrid, 133, TKO'ed Pepe el Toro, 135, of Nicaragua, in four. Paco Iracheta, 112, whipped Alberto Cabanig, 113, of Phillipines, in ten. Edel Borunda, 125, bested Francisco el Toro, 124, in ten.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Goyo Vargas, 124, won from Carlos Mimila, 124, in 10. Roberto Valenzuela, 112, decisioned Evodio Ortiz, 111, in 8.

▲**Apatzingan, Michoacan** — Memo Rodriguez, 126, TKO'ed Carlos Tornes, 125, in six. Esteban Chupin, 135, flattened Fernando Arellano, 135, in the tenth and last round. Victor Caballero, 115, put Fernando Cid, 116, to sleep in two rounds.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Carlos Zarate, 118, nailed "Chamaco" Limon, 117, in 3. Juan Manuel Ursua, 134, stopped German Coello, 134, of Dominican Republic, in 7. Gerardo Heredia, 117, TKO'ed Martin Corona, 117, in nine. Manuel "Botas" Gomez, 124, TKO'ed Carlos Martinez, 124, in 4.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Jesus "Chuy" Rodriguez, 126, KO'ed Juan Manuel Arroyo, 125, in 6. Alejandro Agosto, 118, beat Carlos Flores, 118, in ten.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Jose Torres, 126, bombed Chanakiat Kiatmougyoum, 128, of Thailand, in the opening round. The fans booed Kiatmougyoum for his very poor exhibition. Jose "Chango" Alvarez, 111, TKO'ed Francisco Cabrera, 111, in 2. Isidoro Salinas, 124, won over Jose Luis Menchaca, 124, in 8. Laurentino Nunez, 117, lost to Jose Chavez, 117, in 6. Roberto "Indio" Toxtle, 116, gained Nacho Rivera, 116, in 4.

▲**Guasave, Sinaloa** — Nacho Beltran, 111, decisioned Lorenzo "Halimi" Gutierrez, 112, in ten.

▲**Villahermosa, Tabasco** — Vicente Pool, 113, TKO'ed Antonio Munoz, 115, in five. Jose Luis "Chamaco" Cetina, 112, TKO'ed Luis Rey, 112, in 7. William Valencia, 125, iced Chamaco Dominguez, 126, in one. Gonzalo "Zurdo" Gonzalez, 113, demolished "Metrallita" Thompson, 113, in one. Lupe Madera, 110, kayoed Rayito de Izamal, 112, in five.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Jorge Carrasco, 117, and Memo Ortiz, 117, drew in 10. Alfonso Aguilar, 110, lost to Mario Rogelio, 111, in eight. Lupe Galindo, 133, knocked out Jose Cid, 134, in two.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Alfonso Zamora, 118, TKO'ed Cesar Ordonez, 117, in 3. Ernesto Caballero, 142, TKO'ed Antonio Roldan, 140, in 8. Arturo Delgado. 111, and Santos "Cora" Rodriguez, 112, drew in 10. Jose Guadalupe Pintor, 114, outpointed Francisco J. Nunez, in ten. Sergio Lozano, 140, defeated Jose Luis "Tractor" Pena, 142, in 10.

▲**Tonala, Chiapas** — Sugar Sanders, 142, of Nicaragua, halted Tony Cruz, 143, in 3.

▲**Tapachula, Chiapas** — Ney Gordillo, 124, bested Chucho Cedeno, 125, in 10. Jose Manuel "Negro" Perez, 119, and Angel Thi, 117, drew in 10.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Alfonso Ibarra, 119, stopped Agustin Saucedo, 118, in two.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Max Sanchez, 118, won by a disqualification over Victor Ramirez, 117, in nine. "Pipino" Cuevas, 145, bombed Salvador Ruvalcaba, 145, in the first round. Favian Palma, 115, TKO'ed Jose Aragon, 114, in five. Ventura Perez, 126, stopped Lupe Hernandez, 128, in four.

VIC ORTIZ GETS NOD IN HOT TEN WITH PEPPERMINT

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

San Juan, P. R.—Roberto Clemente Stadium — In a most controversial ten round event, junior welter Victor Ortiz scored a unanimous ten round decision over ex title holder Alfonso "Peppermint" Frazer.

Co-featured with the Espada vs Orpeza encounter, this bout raised continuous protest from the fans because of Frazer's lackadaisical performance. Frazer's exhibition left much to be desired. To the extent that his purse was held up until a final investigation was held the following day at which time it was determined that he would be suspended from fighting in Puerto Rico but his purse was released. The Panamanian fought in very brief spurts and only when prodded by the fans who inundated the ring with paper cups in disgust.

Ortiz, on the other hand, seemed to have lost the fire and fury he displayed in the earlier part of his career and could not even come close to kayoing his listless opponent. Frazer claimed that his poor performance was due to "cramps" in his arms . . .

▲**Roberto Clemente Stadium** — Welter contender Angel Espada scored another kayo victory in local rings when he flattened David Oropeza, Phoenix, in 0:52 of the fifth. The boy from Arizona backpedalled, zigged and zagged, for four rounds successfully to get away from Espada's bombs. However in the fifth he zagged when he should have zigged and got clipped with the knockout blow that put him out for the rest of the night.

In another ten, fast moving feather Santos Luis Rivera halted Houston's Tony Sanchez in 2:59 of the seventh. Rivera was too much for Tony, dropping him in the second and stretching him out with a left-right hook combination in the fatal seventh.

Junior lightweight Hector Julio Medina scored another superlative kayo victory when he put the freezer on Texan Lupy Arriaga in 2:25 of the first of a scheduled ten. Voted the outstanding prospect by The Ring last month in his division, Medina proved he is no slouch by once again scoring the most sensational kayo of the evening.

This was his fourteenth kayo in sixteen starts. Another Texan bit the dust in the ten round event between Jimmy Martinez of Jacinto City and Cocoa Sanchez of Santo Domingo with the Dominican lad taking the decision. Martinez was unable to use his right hand from the fifth round on but this did not stop him plodding forward at all times . . .

The opening six round bout saw featherweight Jose L. Rosa take a fast and exciting decision from Julio Serrano.

▲Promoter Tito Cordero has continued to maintain boxing activity at the Country Club basketball stadium and came up with the following program:

Junior Lightweights; Lightweight Gustavo Briceno, Venezuela, won a split ten round decision over Rocky Orengo.

Featherweight Francisco Cruz also scored a split ten rounder over Juan Jose Ocasio.

In the 138 class Ramon Montes TKO'ed Carlos Crispin in 0:52 of the 9th round.

Welter Jose M. (Papo) Melendez scored a TKO in 2:12 of the 8th round over Roberto Gomez due to a cut eye.

In the 130 class Manuel de Jesus scored a 4 round verdict over Efrain Rivera.

▲**Roberto Clemente Stadium** — In the 118 class Francisco Villegas won a 10 round decision over Mexican Antonio Fuentes. Antonio proved more than a workout against his highly ranked opponent who won with ample margin but never had the Mex in serious trouble.

In the 164 class Nelson LaSalle won in ten over Hector L. Salaman. LaSalle pounded Salaman from pillar to post and Salaman to show his disdain put his hands down and permitted Nelson to blast away in the last few rounds. This is a sure sign of a punch drunk fighter and under these conditions Salaman should not be permitted to fight again.

In the 145 class Wilfredo Benitez TKO'ed Juan Disla in the third of a scheduled ten. This was by far the best bout of the evening and Wilfredo continues to show marked improvement in each showing.

In the 145 class also Juan Serrano won a decision over Elias Pellot in 6 rounds.

Jose R. Melendez TKO'ed Angel L. Falcon in 1:37 of the fourth.

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GENTLEMAN WEST OFFERS NISSEN RETURN FIGHT

By RAY MITCHELL

Sydney, Australia — "I've always admired and respected Henry Nissen. Tonight I admire and respect him even more. I'm sorry he lost his title the way he did. I'll be pleased to give him a return bout."

A fine speech from Australian flyweight champion Big Jim West—the words of a good sportsman, and Jim always has been that.

Big Jim was very lucky to win Henry Nissen's Commonwealth flyweight title, and he knew it and acknowledged it.

The fight took place at an outer Melbourne suburb. Ringwood, and Nissen lost his crown because of a cut eye caused by a punch in the first minute of the bout. He battled through to the end of the fourth, at which time his trainer Peter Read called referee Ken Brady and told him to stop the fight.

Nissen held a substantial lead on points—40 to 32—and may have stopped West in the next round—the sixth session at the latest. But Peter had Henry's welfare at heart.

It was an extremely fast fight and was developing into a great one. Nissen tried hard to end it in the fourth round and for the first time in his career of 47 fights Big Jim West was distressed. His indomitable spirit kept him in there and upright (West has never been stopped nor decked), punching back at the irresistible force in front of him, but he was weakening fast.

For a long time West has had trouble making 112 pounds.

For the sake of justice and common sense, Henry Nissen must not lose his world rating. It was a cut eye that cost him the bout with West. Believe me, Nissen will be a big hurdle for any flyweight in the world. This was his first defeat.

West is a strong durable fighter who is worthy of a rating in the top ten. Another Aussie in Brian Roberts also is worthy of a world rating in the flyweight division.

Date of the Nissen-West fight was March 14. Both made the fly limit with one-quarter of a pound to spare.

In a 10-round support to Nissen-West, Australian welterweight champion Rocky Mattioli, 148, was far too good for Irish-born Aussie Billy O'Donnell, 148, the end coming in the third round.

After a quiet first round the two got down to business. O'Donnell looked for fight and got it. A one-two dropped him. After the eight-count Billy ran into more trouble. His right cheek was split and he copped plenty. He threw punches from all angles but Mattioli was a few classes above him.

Referee Gus Mercurio applied a standing count on O'Donnell in the third, after which Mattioli, looking like a world champion, carved him like a top-class chef. O'Donnell was gone when Gus rescued him. Mattioli is good enough to be in the top ten in the world welter ratings.

▲There was fun-and-games at Marrickville R.S.L. Club. Colin Cassidy, 135, was billed to defend his Australian lightweight title against Scot Jimmy Bell, 132, despite the fact that Bell has been resident in Australia less than five months, which is too short a time for him to qualify for an Australian title fight. (He boxed in Australia for 18 months in 1967-68 but returned home, came back to Aussie in 1971, stayed for seven months, and again returned home. He lost on points to Jose Legra and Arnold Taylor overseas in 1973, and turned up here after that—less than five months ago.)

The Australian Boxing Federation does not recognize the Cassidy-Bell bout as a title tilt.

The wrong billing was the least of the oddness about the fight. Cassidy, who battled to get down to the lightweight limit, held a good points lead at the end of the 10th but was in trouble over the last two rounds and would have been hard-pressed to stay another five.

Then fate stepped in. Bell refused to fight on. He said he did not know the fight was to be over 15 rounds, that he believed it was to be a ten-rounder!! Referee Vic Patrick had no alternative but to crown Cassidy a KO winner.

▲Australian welter champion Rocky Mattioli, 147½, ended the unbeaten record of New Zealander Dennis Enright, 144¼, by overwhelming him in the third round at Melbourne Festival Hall.

▲Hector Thompson carried too many guns for Mexican Gerardo Ferrat, 138¾, in their meeting at Brisbane Festival Hall. The Australian and Commonwealth junior-welter champ, 139, did not show out as well as usual in the boxing department—it was as though he knew he could take the Mexican at any time—but he showed more power than ever before. He decked Ferrat in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th rounds, each knockdown following precision punching. Referee Des Crabbe rescued Ferrat in the fourth when the Mexican had nowhere to go.

World champion Antonio Cervantes is in Thompson's sights.

▲Bobby Dunne, 127¼, boxed fast against Filipino Colly Saloma, 125¾, and won a points decision in their meeting at Melbourne Festival Hall, but Bobby still has that irritating habit of holding his right glove over his left jaw, thus exposing himself to left hooks and, at the same time, forcing him to telegraph his own right.

▲Maybe Bobby learned his lesson three weeks later, for on that night he defended his Commonwealth title against Scot Evan Armstrong, 124, and Bobby (125) left the ring without his crown. Armstrong, one point ahead on referee Des Crabbe's card at the end of the 7th, sailed into Dunne in the 8th and halted him. Evan found the weaknesses in Dunne's armor. This, plus Dunne's own strange tactic of engaging Armstrong in a slugging fight when Bobby hasn't the armament to do this, added up to the Aussie becoming a former champion. Fans got their money's worth; it was a good fight.

▲Wally Carr, 139, Aussie Aboriginal junior-welter, had the best win of his career when he outpointed Filipino Fred Pastor, 138, over eight at Melbourne. He followed up with a second-round KO win over Barry Facer, 134 (billed for 10) at Blacktown R.S.L. Club, 13 nights later, then jumped a few notches in the Australian ratings by outpointing tough walk-up Matt Ropis, 138, at the same club one week later.

▲Big Jim West, 116½, was out-boxed over ten by Brian Roberts, 116, at Blacktown,. Roberts was a bit too smart. West fought hard but couldn't nail quick-boxing Roberts. Both are world class. But Brian wasn't at peak form three weeks earlier when held to a draw over eight by Guinea Hillier, 117, at Melbourne. Even at that, Roberts appeared to be unlucky in having to share the verdict.

▲It was a beautiful fight at Dapto. Billy Mulholland, 126, outpointed Brian Clout, 122, over ten for the vacant featherweight championship of the State of New South Wales.

Mulholland, usually an aggressive fighter, boxed all the way in this, standing in to slug only when forced to by the strong Clout. It was boxer versus fighter—always an attractive spectacle—and the boxer won by a big margin of points (7 on my card as referee—98-91 — 8 on judge John McDougall's card, and 12 on judge Don Marks's card). Mulholland did some brilliant things.

In a very good eight-rounder on the card, Binky Rominski, 136, edged Tommy Roberts, 138, by one point. Four of the five fights on the bill—including the main-event—received large showers of coins from appreciative ringsiders, a tribute to match-maker Peter Cairney.

However, the night was marred somewhat by an unscheduled brawl after the title tilt. Cairney went to Clout's corner before the decision was announced. Words were exchanged (there is a personal bit of feeling between Cairney and Clout's father who was in Brian's corner).

In a moment Brian Clout, still wearing gloves, and Cairney (bare-fisted) were exchanging blows. Then a score of men climbed into the ring and a donnybrook ensued while television cameras recorded the action.

The fight between Mulholland and Clout had been over about 10 minutes before the decision was announced! We waited until the brawl had been broken up before making the winner known.

The Australian Boxing Federation has called Cairney and Clout to a hearing on the conduct.

▲Less than five months ago Billy Moeller handed in his Australian junior-lightweight title by announcing his retirement from boxing. Already he is back in action. At Riverwood, Billy, 128½, outpointed Ceddy McGrady, 130, over 10 rounds. Then at Marrickville, he beat Jeff Malcolm, 132, on a foul in round seven. Moeller scaled 131 for this one.

▲South Sydney, Kingsford, continues to promote each week, and seldom is there a mediocre fight (Bernie Hall is the matchmaker). In the past month the standard of entertainment has been as high as usual. Wayne Cullen, 147, won the vacant N.S.W. State welter title by outpointing Sid Dumbrell, 146, over ten. Good fight with Cullen's boxing accumulating a good margin of points.

▲One week later N.S.W. State lightweight champ Danny Agnew, 139, had too much speed and boxing ability for Tommy Roberts, 138, and ran out an easy points winner. The following week Jade Emerald, 139, drew with Frank Bianco, 136, in a good, fast and hard battle. All three of us officials disagreed. I carded for Emerald who overtook Bianco's lead in the last couple of rounds, as I saw it. One judge carded for Bianco, the other saw it even. Bianco told me afterwards: "I thought he just beat me."

▲A further week later, Rod Connors, 141, edged Dennis Bell, 139, in a crackerjack battle. Seven nights later Frank Allen, 147, gained a split over Lou Cruz, 145, in an all-action bout.

▲At Marrickville, Jimmy Bell, 135, halted Pat McAlpine, 144, in the second round—a shut-out. In an eight-round support Kim Miller, 177, drew with Steve Hallcroft, 187. Hallcroft was State welter champion only two and a half years ago—and 40 pounds ago!

▲At Blacktown, Alex Laurin, 160, upended Semi Bula, 163, in 20 seconds of the first round. Billed for eight. Bula threw a left hook, Laurin went under it, landed four quick punches and that wrapped it up. In the main, over ten, Eli Fanua, 163 KO 6 Phil Barrett, 160. Fanua is a Fijian who has been boxing in Australia for a few months. Barrett is an Aussie.

▲One week later at the same club, Ted Gray, 163½, easily outpointed Joe Sorby, 167¼. Supporting in eight Willie Leslie, 122¼, outpointed Wayne Wallace, 121.

▲Final results of the month: Mick Heafey, 129½, had a comfortable points win over Jimmy Metcalfe, 132, at Cardiff Workers (March 12); Johnny Huvvoch, 152, outpointed Frank Allen, 149, at Manly-Warringah, Brookvale (March 19); Kid Bala, 158, KO 5 Willie King, 157, at Cronulla Labor and Workingmens Club; Al Gattling, 174, outpointed Senitiki Qata, 172, at North Sydney.

▲Billy Moran is dead. To thousands of former and current boxers in Australia—and to scores of overseas boxers who fought here—to boxing promoters and trainers, to all who knew him, and to me, his death is a personal loss, an irreparable one, an unbelievable one. Rotund jovial Billy seemed indestructible. He was one of those solid rocks on which boxing was built—and exists.

Billy was more than a boxing trainer—he was an institution. To know Billy Moran was to be drawn to him, to respect him, both for his knowledge and his character.

Nobody ever could say a bad thing about Billy Moran.

If Billy had had to make a choice of a venue for death he would have said: "Let it be at a boxing club, in a boxer's corner."

He got his wish. Billy was at North Sydney, Cammeray, in the corner of one of his boxers, Dennis Bell, and he saw Dennis receive a draw after eight rounds with Danny Riley. Then he collapsed. He died within minutes, aged 66.

Billy's star of the moment, Wayne Cullen, welter champion of the State of New South Wales, was on the card this night—in the main-event against Wally Carr. Wayne, who thought the world of his trainer, saw Billy collapse, but he was pulled away to the dressing room.

The promoter told Cullen that Billy was OK, that he'd split his head in the fall and that he was on his way to the hospital to get a couple of stitches.

Cullen went on with the bout, despite grave gnawings in the pit of his stomach, gnawings of dread that Billy Moran wasn't just the slight sufferer of a cut on the head. And Wayne Cullen didn't have his mind on the fight. In the third round Wally Carr decked him. Cullen's head hit the canvas.

"I came to in time to hear referee Jimmy Carruthers say five," Cullen said, "but all I could see was Billy Moran lying on the floor. Billy wasn't really on the floor then, of course, but I could see him there in my mind. I was dazed, my head was swimming—and all I could see or think of was Billy on the floor. I was still on my knees when Carruthers called 'out'."

▲How does a normal sized junior welter body-puncher handle a four-inches taller shadow who wears his abdominal protector about four inches above his waist?

That was the question that puzzled Australian and Commonwealth junior-welter champion Hector Thompson, 141¼, at Brisbane. In the opposite corner was lanky American Johnny Gant, 139¾, Gant's protector was so high it covered half his ribs! Why he was allowed to wear it puzzled everyone.

Thompson boxed below par. Gant moved and punched faster, and it seemed that Johnny's theme song was that hit of the 'thirties (paraphrased): "I Gant Give You Anything But Glove, Baby."

With Gant's shield so high, Hector had to concentrate on head shots. As I saw it, Thompson won three rounds, drew one and lost six, but the referee crowned Thompson a points winner. Hooting was rife; Gant looked astounded.

In the main support over eight, Dave Edwards, 149½, halted comebacking Dave Clarke, 146½, in the third round, the stoppage being brought about by a cut mouth. Clarke held a points lead at the time, but Edwards was dangerous.

▲On comebacks, former Australian lightweight champion Gilberto Biondi, 129, made a return to the ring after four years' absence, when he met current champion Colin Cassidy, 136, over ten at Melbourne Festival Hall. Biondi, who is two months short of his 40th birthday, performed well, holding Cassidy to a draw. But for how many fights will the Italian-born Biondi be able to hold that form—one more, two more?

▲Last November Billy Moeller handed in his Australian junior-lightweight title by announcing his retirement. Some four months later he made a comeback, had a couple of quick fights, then at Cardiff Workers Club, he met Mick Heafey, 126½, for the vacant Australian junior-light title. Billy won back his crown by scoring a stunning second-round knockout. Moeller scaled 128½.

▲In his first start since being knocked out by Bennie Briscoe, Australian and Commonwealth middleweight champion Tony Mundine, 161, had a workout at the expense of sawn-off American Don Cobbs, 157, at Brisbane Festival Hall. Cobbs caught Mundine with a number of punches but didn't worry him. In the sixth round Mundine opened up with two rights to the head, then dropped Cobbs with another right.

Cobbs barely beat the ten, and Mundine battered him to the bottom rope, whereupon the bout was halted.

▲Australian welterweight champion Rocky Mattioli, 148½, had an easy workout at the expense of Mexican Jose Luis Baltazar, 147½, at Melbourne. The fleet-footed Mexican took no chances but didn't win a round, all of which went to Mattioli. Sixteen nights later Rocky was in Noumea where he knocked out Frenchman Jacques Van Mellaert in the 10th round. Mattioli is world class. He would beat some of the rated welters right now.

▲It has been a month for champions on display. Feather champ of Australia, Tony Ryder, 126, wasn't seen for long at Melbourne. His opponent, South African Blakeney Matthews, 125¾, who has been living here for several months, tore into Ryder at the first bell and ended the fight in the second. There isn't a featherweight in Australia who will beat Matthews, and there may not be more than one or two in the world who will beat him. Remember where you read that.

▲Yugoslav Dragan Todorovic, 174¾, who arrived in Australia a few weeks ago with a record claim of losing only four or five of 183 amateur bouts, turned pro here at Blacktown R.S.L. Club against former Australian amateur light-heavy champion Steve Aczel, 172½, in what was Aczel's second pro start. Steve halted Todorovic with a cut eye in the fourth round—and he was ahead of the Yugoslav at the finish.

▲Aczel shows great promise. At the same club three weeks later he outpointed former national pro light-heavy champ Greg McNamara, 169, decking Greg on the way—and that is an unusual accomplishment.

▲One week earlier at the same club Steve Gossen, 123, must have been very annoyed at his disqualification against Keith Ball, 122, because he walked menacingly towards the referee—and the ref was former world bantam champion Jimmy Carruthers!

Gossen was disqualified for fighting after the bell ended the sixth round.

In the other ten-rounder on the card Willie Leslie, 120, and Wayne Wallace, 118, boxed a good draw that drew a shower of coins from ringsiders.

▲At Kingsford, Jade Emerald, 140, knocked out Don Latella, 136, with a solid punch to the liver. I counted all the way. Third round.

▲Two weeks later Emerald, 140, lost a close one to Binky Rominski, 140, in a very good and hard fight. The following week at the same venue Eddie Buttons, 141, narrowly outpointed Jimmy Metcalfe, 137, in a good battle that drew a shower of coins.

▲It was a very good fight that brought boxing back to the northern town of Grafton. Jimmy Metcalfe, 136, beat Binky Rominski, 136, by a good margin over the ten on my card as ref, but two inexperienced judges saw it differently—one carded a draw, the other saw it for Rominski. Must have seen a different fight! It wasn't even close. But result goes down as a draw. Crowd rewarded bout with a large shower of coins and notes.

▲At Brookvale, Laurie Cooper, 147, turned in a good performance to draw with Johnny Huvvoch, 150. Two weeks later, this time at Riverwood Legion Club, he gave another good show in halting Kim Wallace, 149, in round 8. Cooper scaled 153 for this one—more his usual weight.

▲At New Lambton, Amos Roberts boxed well to outpoint Binky Rominski in a junior-welter bout.

▲Good fight at South Sydney. Juniors, Kevin Percy, 127, was a punch ahead of Frank Minniecon, 127, all the way to win clearly on points. Fans appreciated it with a shower.

▲At Cronulla, Ceddy McGrady, 136½, was in top form in halting Peter Lewis, 134½, in 7th round. At Marrickville, Shocker Myles, 141½, outpointed Rod Connors, 141.

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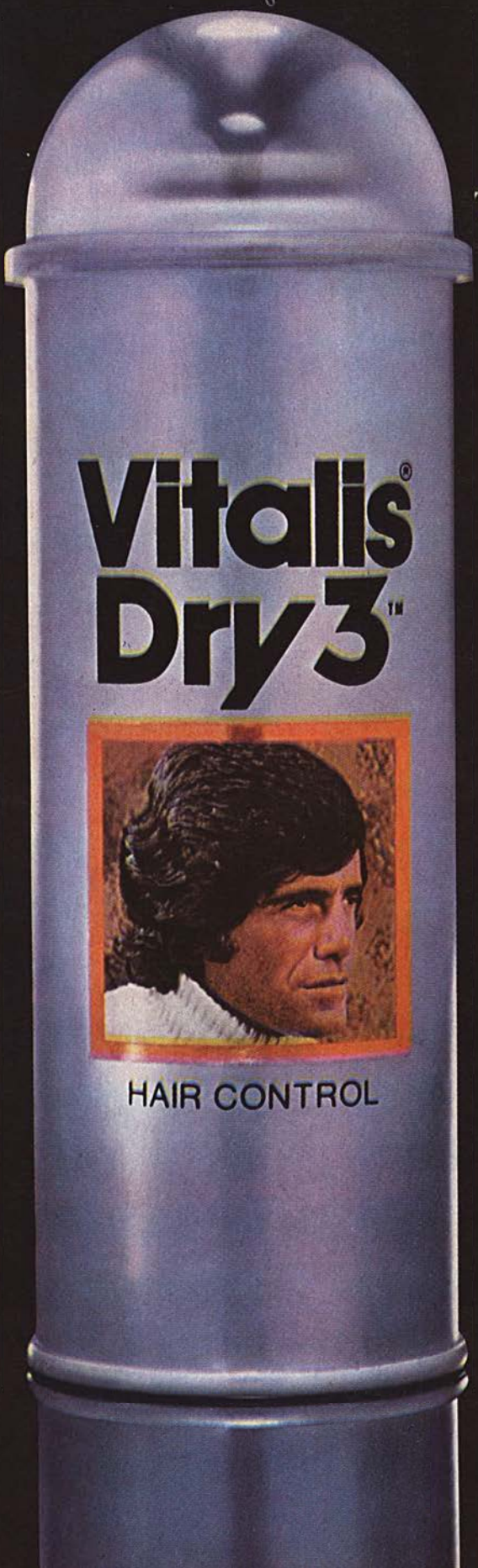

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